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Poll Shows Republican Woes

Democrats gain favor over GOP ahead of midterm elections

Public confidence in Republican governance has plunged to the lowest levels of the Bush presidency, with Americans saying they now trust Democrats by wide margins to deal with Iraq, gasoline prices, immigration and more, according to a Washington Post-ABC News poll that underscores the fragility of the GOP's grip on power six months before the midterm elections.

Dissatisfaction with policies in Iraq has overwhelmed other issues as the source of

President Bush's and the Republican's problems. The survey suggests that the increasingly pessimistic mood about the direction of the country — 69 percent said the nation is now off track — as well as the Republican Party and congressional incumbents have dramatically improved the chances of Democrats to register significant gains in November.

The survey shows a clear majority of the

public (56 percent) saying they would prefer to see Democrats in control of Congress after the November elections.

Bush's job approval rating now stands at 33 percent, down five percentage points in barely a month and a new low in Post-ABC polls. His current standing with the public is identical to his father's worst showing in the Post-ABC poll before he lost his re-election bid to Bill Clinton in 1992.

RICHARD MORIN, DAN BALZ (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Mayor Williams Endorses Linda Cropp



HAND PICKED: Mayor Anthony Williams and D.C. Council chairman Linda Cropp, once political adversaries over plans to build a new baseball stadium in the District, celebrate Williams' endorsement on Tuesday of Cropp's bid to succeed him. ❖ **Progress:** Mayor says Cropp will keep D.C. booming | **Page 9**

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PET PROJECTS | Toto Request Live Kansas often has capitalized on being the home of Dorothy in "The Wizard of Oz," and now one resident says the state should honor Dorothy's buddy, Toto. Annette McDonald is leading a petition drive to make Toto's



breed — the cairn terrier — the state's official dog. She acknowledges that she has a special interest in the breed, having shown cairn terriers in national shows; fewer than half of states have designated an official dog. (AP) **Eye Openers** | **Page 2**

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HOW THEY FIRST MET

He Stole Her Wallet, She Stole His Heart

A thief in Lujiazui, China, returned a wallet he stole after he developed a crush on the owner from her picture inside, Shanghai Daily reported. While riding her bicycle last month, Miss Wang was struck by a man who took her wallet, with \$125, a cell phone, an ATM card and an ID inside. When she returned to work last week, her stolen items had been delivered there along with a note saying the thief noticed a divorce certificate in her wallet and he wanted to get to know her better. Wang called the police and said she may try to find another job to keep him from trying to contact her again. (EXPRESS)



STILTON

Hey Ladies, Want To Smell Like Mold?

The Stilton Cheesemakers Association has partnered with a perfume company in Manchester, Australia, to launch a scent with the odor of blue cheese stilton, the Australian reported. Eau de Stilton recreates "the earthy and fruity aroma" of stilton, manufacturers say, with a "symphony of natural base notes including yarrow, angelica seed, clary sage and valerian." "Blue stilton cheese has a very distinctive, mellow aroma and our perfumier was able to capture the key essence of that scent and recreate it," said association spokesman Nigel White. (EXPRESS)



MARK BAKER/AP

RESTING

Ball Nap

When it comes to workplace etiquette, getting caught sleeping on the job is a big no-no. But near the job — that's encouraged, at least at one office building in the central business district of Sydney, Australia. Workers in the building who need to grab a quick power-nap — such as Athena Dogias on Tuesday — are welcome to relax inside sleep pods, which play soft music through the dome covering while the user rests for up to 20 minutes. (EXPRESS)

LIQUIDS

Well, He WAS Trying To Brighten the Room

A Denver, N.C., man taking a break from painting Saturday burned down

his house after trying to snuff out a cigarette in a bowl of paint thinner. Stevie Spencer had put the bowl on his coffee table before taking a smoke break. "I forgot paint thinner was in the bowl," He said. "I thought it was water."

The fire from the ignited paint thinner spread, Spencer said, and he tried to extinguish the flames with a hose. Spencer suffered minor injuries; Fire Chief Jay Flynn said the house was too far gone to save. (AP)

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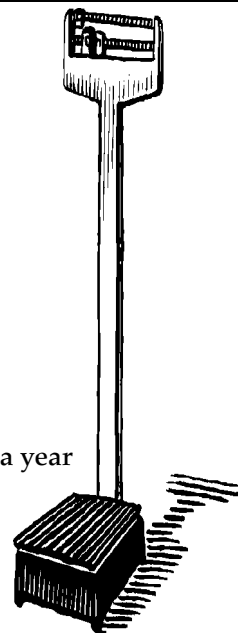
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In Brief

ATLANTA

Judge Strikes Down Law Banning Same-Sex Unions

A judge has struck down Georgia's ban on same-sex marriages, saying a measure overwhelmingly approved by voters in 2004 violated a provision of the state constitution that limits ballot questions to a single subject. The ruling by Fulton County Superior Court Judge Constance C. Russell had been eagerly awaited by gay-rights supporters since the ban was approved in 2004. (AP)

MIAMI

Poll: Most on Coast Don't Have Disaster Plans

Despite Hurricane Katrina's devastation, coastal residents have not taken steps to protect their families if a hurricane were to threaten their homes, a new poll says. Sixty percent of those questioned have no disaster plan, 68 percent don't have a hurricane survival kit and 83 percent have not taken steps to secure their homes, the poll said. (AP)

ROCHESTER, N.Y.

FDA: Bausch & Lomb Failed To Report Eye Infections

Bausch & Lomb Inc. failed to promptly notify federal regulators about 35 cases of a potentially blinding fungal infection, the Food and Drug Administration said Tuesday. The company permanently pulled its ReNu with MoistureLoc solution from markets Monday as officials investigate an outbreak of Fusarium

9/11 Video Shows Pentagon Attack

U.S. officially releases security tape after group's FOI request

WASHINGTON | The Pentagon on Tuesday released the first video images of American Airlines Flight 77 crashing into the military headquarters building and killing 189 people in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

The images, recorded by Pentagon security cameras outside the building, were made public in response to a December 2004 Freedom of Information Act request by Judicial Watch, a public interest group. Some still images from the video had previously been leaked and publicly circulated, but this was the first official release.

The airplane is a thin white blur on the video as it slams into the Pentagon at ground level. Almost instantly a white flash and a huge orange fireball appear on the video, followed by a tower of smoke.

Traveling at an estimated 530



IMPACT: American Airlines Flight 77 crashes into the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, in this newly released image from footage shot by a Pentagon security camera.

mph, the hijacked plane plowed into the southwest side of the Pentagon at 9:38 a.m. EDT, shortly after two other hijacked airlines were flown into the twin towers at the World Trade Center in New York. The

attack set off fires in the Pentagon and killed 125 people inside, in addition to the 59 passengers and crew and the five men who hijacked the plane after it took off from nearby Dulles International Airport.

Debra Burlingame, whose brother, Charles, was the pilot of the American Airlines plane, said that she realized Pentagon officials were compelled to release the videos under the Freedom of Information Act. But she said the images provide no new information about what happened that day.

Ms. Burlingame said she doubted that release of the videos would do anything to dispel the many conspiracy theories, including the claim by some that the Pentagon was hit by a missile. The Pentagon videos provide only the briefest glimpse of the plane as it hits the building; the images were recorded on cameras that were too slow to capture the airplane's approach.

The Pentagon had previously refused to release the videos, saying they had been provided to the Justice Department as evidence in any criminal proceedings. ROBERT BURNS (AP)

Sept. 11 Attack on the Pentagon
See the Pentagon's newly released video footage at washingtonpost.com

Utah Court Backs Ban on Polygamy

SALT LAKE CITY | The Utah Supreme Court upheld the 2003 bigamy conviction of a former police officer Tuesday, ruling that the state law banning polygamy is not unconstitutional.

The court — with the chief jus-

tice dissenting — said that religious protections of the U.S. and Utah constitutions “do not shield (Rodney) Holm's polygamous practices from state prosecution.”

Holm was convicted of felony bigamy and two counts of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor, and had argued that the state's bigamy statute violated his right to practice his religion. (AP)

Judge Weighs Libby Record Request

WASHINGTON | A lawyer for I. Lewis “Scooter” Libby told a federal judge Tuesday that the former White House aide's right to a fair trial outweighs protection claimed by media organizations touched by the CIA leak investigation.

“We are in a case that for better or worse, the press is right in the

middle of,” said William Jeffress, one of Libby's lawyers.

During a hearing in U.S. District Court, Jeffress debated lawyers for NBC News, The New York Times and Time magazine over subpoenas seeking access to e-mails, drafts of articles and reporters' notes that he said are essential to the defense. (AP)

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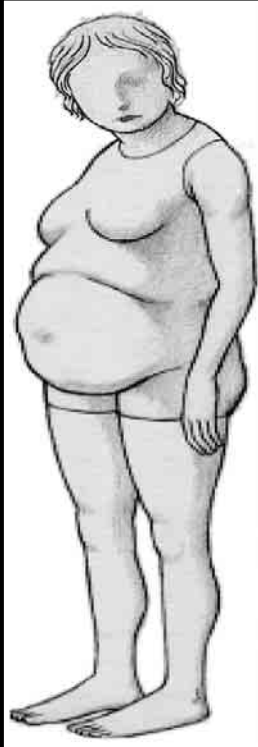
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Sens. Reject Border Plans

Lawmakers wrangle over security priorities in immigration talks

WASHINGTON | Buoyed by President Bush, supporters of immigration legislation established command in the Senate on Tuesday, brushing aside potentially crippling challenges to a bill that blends tougher border enforcement with a path to citizenship for millions in the United States illegally.

"It was a good way to start," said Sen. Ken Salazar, D-Colo. as a shifting bipartisan coalition held firm against attacks from both parties.

On a vote of 55-40 that crossed

party lines, the Senate rejected an appeal from Sen. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., to require the border be secured before other immigration law changes could take place.

The bill's supporters said he had it backward. "We have to have a comprehensive approach if we're going to gain control of the borders," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., echoing Bush's plans.

Hours later, Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., made an unsuccessful effort to exclude foreigners and recent illegal immigrants from a new guest worker program. "This bill is going to allow illegal workers to come in stamped as legal," he said, but the measure failed 69-28.

The maneuvering took place at the beginning of what Senate leaders predicted would be a lengthy debate over the most significant changes in immigration law in two decades, an election-year issue that has laid bare deep divisions inside both parties and sparked street demonstrations across the country.

The Senate bill provides additional funds for border security, the guest worker program, an eventual opportunity at citizenship for most of the 12 million illegal immigrants in the country and a tougher program of enforcement to prevent the hiring of illegal workers. Senate passage appears likely by Memorial Day.

DAVID ESPO (AP)

CALIFORNIA | AND THE PARKING'S CHEAP, TOO



FREE RIDE: Eric Negron drops off his bike at a free valet operated by the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition on Tuesday. As gas prices climb, more Americans are taking advantage of Bike-to-Work Week, through May 19.

Cancer Deaths Higher Among Nonsmoking Men

WASHINGTON | Lung cancer isn't common in people who never smoked. But when they do get it, doctors have long thought women were more likely to die than men. New research suggests the opposite.

Analyzing medical records of nearly 1 million people, American Cancer Society researchers reported Tuesday that men who never used cigarettes actually had slightly higher death rates from lung cancer than nonsmoking women. Lung cancer is the nation's and world's most common and deadliest malignancy (AP)

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Sen. Hatch: Court Briefed on Spying

Verizon denies NSA requested records of customer phone use

WASHINGTON | Two judges on the court that approves warrants for intelligence surveillance were told of the broad monitoring programs that have raised controversy, a Republican senator said Tuesday.

Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said that at least two of the chief judges on the secretive Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court had been informed since 2001 of the White House-approved National Security Agency operations.

"None raised any objections, as far as I know," said Hatch, an Intelligence Committee member who was chosen to a select panel to oversee the NSA's work.

Hatch was commenting on recent reports that the government has collected records on millions of Americans' phone calls.

When asked if the judges some-

how approved the operations, Hatch said, "That is not their position, but they were informed."

President Bush insisted Tuesday that the United States does not listen in on domestic telephone conversations among ordinary Americans. But he declined to specifically discuss the government's alleged compiling of phone records, or whether it would amount to an invasion of privacy.

"We do not listen to domestic phone calls without court approval," Bush said.

The comments come as Verizon Communications Inc. denied Tuesday that it had received a request for customer phone records from the National Security Agency, bringing into question key points of a USA Today story.

"Contrary to the media reports, Verizon was not asked by NSA to provide, nor did Verizon provide, customer phone records," the New York-based phone company said in a statement. (AP)

MASSACHUSETTS | NO LETUP IN NORTHEAST FLOODS



WATERWAY: A man wades through submerged Myrtle Street in Lawrence, Mass., on Tuesday. Officials say New England is seeing its worst flooding in 70 years, and meteorologists say more rain is predicted in coming days.



STUMPED: British firefighters found a drunken college student literally out on a limb after he fell asleep in a tree and used his cell phone to call for help after waking up 100 feet off the ground. "Alcohol and climbing trees don't really mix," one firefighter commented.

World

In Brief



Indonesia's Mount Merapi has been spewing hot gases and volcanic debris.

MOUNT MERAPI, INDONESIA **Volcanic Activity Eases** **On Powerful Mount Merapi**

Scientists warned Tuesday that erupting Mount Merapi still posed a deadly threat to villagers living on its lava-scarred slopes, even as volcanic activity eased. Clouds of searing hot gases and debris continued to stream down the mountain, but not as far or as often as they did Monday, which saw the most violent activity in several weeks. Merapi, located on Java Island, last erupted in 1994, killing 60 people. (AP)

CARACAS, VENEZUELA **U.S. Arms Ban Triggers** **Threat to Sell Fleet of F-16s**

Venezuela's military is considering selling its fleet of U.S.-made F-16 fighter jets to another country, possibly Iran, in response to a U.S. ban on arms sales to President Hugo Chavez's government, a Venezuelan official said Tuesday. Gen. Alberto Muller, a senior adviser to Chavez, told The Associated Press he had recommended to the defense minister that Venezuela consider selling the 21 jets to another country. Muller said he thought it was worthwhile to consider "the feasibility of a negotiation with Iran for the sale of those planes." (AP)

Iraqi PM Close to Forming Cabinet

Latest political talks come as new violence leaves at least 36 dead

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Iraq's prime minister-designate announced Tuesday he was close to forming a new government before a May 22 deadline. Not so fast, responded Sunni Arab groups who claimed there's a long way to go.

Any final agreement appeared to hinge on whether the largest Shiite bloc in parliament could strike a deal with the largest Sunni bloc over the interior and defense ministries.

Prime Minister-designate Nouri al-Maliki said his Cabinet was "mostly complete" after meeting with deputies from the Shiite United Iraqi Alliance party, which controls 130 seats in the 275-member parliament.

But Sunnis — represented by their dominant bloc, the Iraqi



IN SHOCK: An Iraqi man grieves after his brother was killed in an attack on a parking area in a Shiite area of Baghdad Tuesday.

Accordance Front — have pressed for a complete deal. They have insisted on the Defense Ministry, which controls the army, to offset the Shiite-dominated Interior Ministry, which controls the police.

Meanwhile, police said a United Arab Emirates diplomat was kidnapped in Baghdad late Tuesday. The diplomat was not identified.

Escalating violence across the country left at least 36 people dead Tuesday.

In the deadliest incident, gunmen attacked a parking lot in a Shiite neighborhood of Baghdad, shooting the guards and detonating a car bomb near an oil tanker. At least 19 people were killed and dozens wounded. PATRICK QUINN (AP)

Verdict Begins in Beslan Siege Trial

VLADIKAVKAZ, RUSSIA | The judge reading the verdict of the sole surviving alleged attacker in the Beslan school siege said Tuesday the defendant had taken part in murder and terrorism — an indication that Nur-Pashi Kulayev would be found guilty in the attack that shocked the country.

But that prospect was little comfort to relatives of the 331 victims, who say authorities are covering up key information about what happened in the September 2004 siege, when some 30 attackers seized the school and demanded that Russian



Mothers of Beslan school siege victims protest in Vladikavkaz, Russia, Tuesday.

forces end their fight against separatist rebels in nearby Chechnya.

Most of the victims — more than

half of them children — died in a hail of gunfire and explosions that erupted after one of the bombs the attackers rigged at the school went off, and security forces rushed to free hostages. Among the dead were 31 alleged militants; Kulayev is the only living person alleged to have taken part in the attack.

Under the Russian court system, a verdict is not a simple pronouncement of guilt, but an extensive summation of the trial. The final determination — and sentence if pronounced guilty — is not expected before the end of the week. (AP)

Security Council Pushes for U.N. Troops in Darfur

UNITED NATIONS | The U.N. Security Council passed a resolution Tuesday pressing Sudan to cooperate with the United Nations as it prepares to take over peacekeeping in Darfur from an African Union force.

The resolution, passed unanimously, also threatens "strong and effective measures" — diplomatic language for sanctions — against anyone who stands in the way of a May 5 peace agreement signed by the Sudanese government and Darfur's main rebel group.

With the document, council members are trying to persuade Sudan to drop its resistance to the U.N. taking command from the AU for peacekeeping in Darfur.

The AU mission, underfunded and poorly equipped, has been unable to end the suffering in Darfur, where fighting between rebels and government-backed militias has killed nearly 200,000 people since 2003. (AP)

HEARSAY | ON DEFENSE IN DENMARK



"We are definitely not the nation of xenophobic, Islamophobic, Koran-burning, morally corrupt heathens."

—DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER PER STIG MOELLER SAYING TUESDAY THAT DENMARK WAS UNFAIRLY PORTRAYED AS "ISLAMOPHOBIC" BY SOME ARABIC AND INTERNATIONAL MEDIA DURING THE CRISIS OVER THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD CARTOONS

Europeans Consider Reactor for Iran

VIENNA, AUSTRIA | European nations on Tuesday weighed adding a light-water reactor to a package of incentives meant to persuade Tehran to give up uranium enrichment — or face the threat of U.N. Security Council sanctions.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, senior diplomats and EU

officials said the plans were being discussed by France, Britain and Germany as part of a proposal to be presented to representatives of the five permanent U.N. Security Council members.

A light-water reactor is considered less likely to be misused for nuclear proliferation. (AP)

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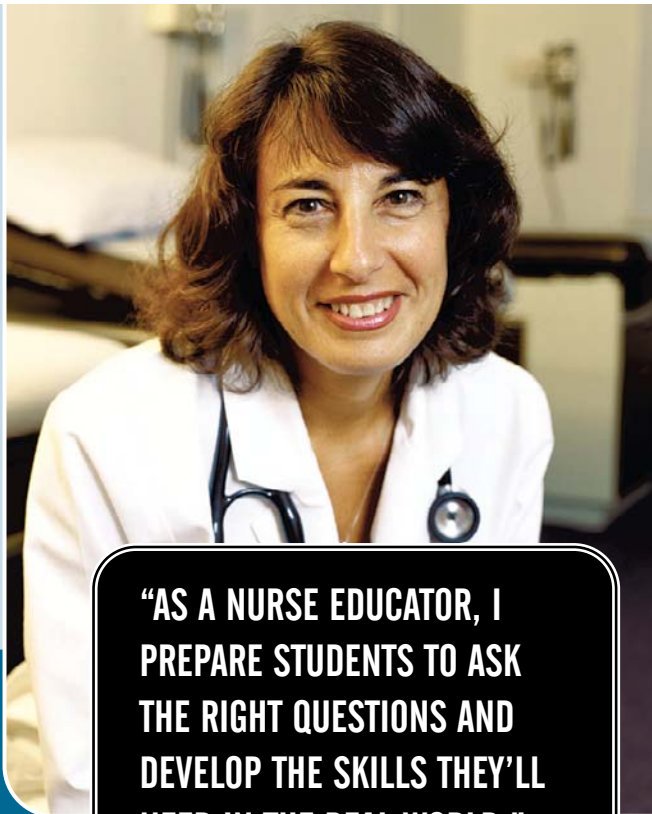
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World



A police officer stops a suspect at a checkpoint in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Tuesday, in an effort to curb the wave of gang-related violence that has swept through the city.

Surge of Violence In Brazil Kills 133

Police engage in deadly crackdown on gang suspects after attacks

SAO PAULO, BRAZIL | Police struck back Tuesday at gangs that rampaged through South America's largest city, killing 33 suspected gang members in less than 24 hours and frisking motorists at roadblocks while reporting only one death of their own.

At least 133 people — including 40 police officers — have been killed since Friday night, when a prison transfer of gang leaders sparked attacks on police stations, courts, city buses and other symbols of government authority.

But while gang attacks fell off sharply in Sao Paulo on Tuesday, the death toll within their ranks rose dramatically.

Officers "acted within the law,

but that doesn't mean we have to let them humiliate us," Marco Antonio Desgualdo, a top Sao Paulo state law enforcement official, told reporters. He did not give specifics about the killings.

Separately, prison officials said the bodies of 18 inmates were found after police retook control of dozens of jails where prisoners rioted. Details of how they died were not immediately disclosed.

The overall five-day death toll stood at 71 suspected criminals, 40 police officers and jail guards, the 18 prison inmates and four civilians caught in the crossfire.

With guns drawn, plainclothes police in a Sao Paulo suburb stopped and frisked motorists in a hunt for more gang members.

"Now you get scared when you pass police," said bank manager Cleide Boeing, 45. "I trying to stay away from the police now." (AP)

Obasanjo Denied Third Term Bid

ABUJA, NIGERIA | Nigeria's Senate rejected a proposed constitutional amendment on Tuesday that could have allowed the president a third term, a proposal that had widened regional, ethnic and religious rifts in Africa's most populous nation.

Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo has not said whether

he would run for a third term, but has indicated he would like to see through wide-ranging reforms he implemented after his first election in 1999 cemented the end of brutal military rule.

The proposed amendment needed to pass by a two-thirds margin in Nigeria's federal and regional parliaments. Tuesday's floor vote in the capital, Abuja, appeared to cripple the drive by Obasanjo's supporters. (AP)



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The number of months, at least, that it will take before the Virginia Department of Transportation will decide whether the Metro line extension to Dulles Airport will be above or below ground. The agency is waiting on an evaluation by engineers.

Local

Williams Endorses Cropp for Mayor

Council chairman is best choice to keep D.C. growing, he says

WASHINGTON | Mayor Williams endorsed Council chairman Linda W. Cropp on Tuesday in the race to succeed him, saying she is best qualified to continue the city's economic resurgence.

"This progress is still at a fragile state. This progress still requires hands on know-how and management," Williams said.

Williams said he and Cropp, both Democrats, have worked closely to encourage the redevelopment of dilapidated and crime-ridden neighborhoods. In Columbia Heights, a Giant supermarket has recently opened and a Target department store is planned.



Washington council chairwoman Linda Cropp, left, jokes with attendees at the announcement by Mayor Williams that he would endorse her candidacy for mayor.

"These businesses create jobs for residents in this neighborhood and provide badly needed services," said Cropp, who eagerly accepted the mayor's endorsement.

Williams, who plans to raise money for Cropp, also cited her experience on issues such as education and human services. And he praised her leadership on the D.C. Council, saying Cropp has worked to make it a "pre-eminent legislative body."

Cropp, 58, was elected to the city's school board in 1980 and became its president in 1988. She joined the Council two years later and was elected chairman in 1997.

Cropp and Councilman Adrian Fenty, D-Ward 4, appear to be the front-runners in the race to succeed Williams. (AP)

Officer: Malvo Cooperating in Md. Sniper Case

ROCKVILLE, MD. | Teenage sniper Lee Boyd Malvo has provided information to Montgomery County police implicating John Allen Muhammad in the October 2002 sniper spree, a police officer testified Tuesday at Muhammad's second trial.

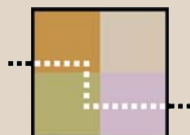
The testimony of Police Sgt. Roger Thomson is the first formal acknowledgment that Malvo is cooperating with the Maryland case against Muhammad. A person familiar with the case had previously indicated Malvo was likely to testify for prosecutors against Muhammad.

Thomson's testimony Tuesday came on redirect by the prosecutor after Muhammad, acting as his own lawyer, cross-examined the witness. MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)



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Local

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New Archbishop for D.C.

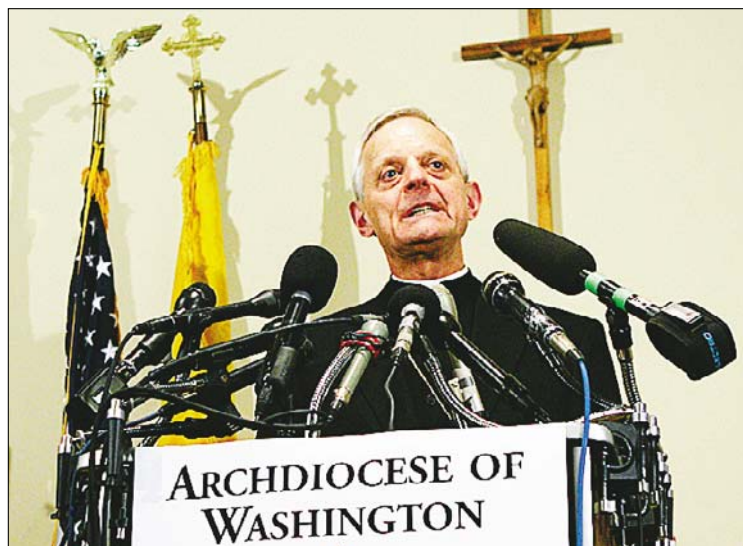
Pittsburg bishop will replace McCarrick in influential U.S. role

WASHINGTON | Pittsburgh Bishop Donald Wuerl will replace Cardinal Theodore McCarrick as archbishop of Washington, one of the most visible leadership positions in the U.S. Catholic Church, the Vatican said Tuesday.

McCarrick, a leading moderate voice in the church, submitted his resignation as required of all bishops when he turned 75 in July. The Vatican said Pope Benedict XVI had accepted the resignation and named Wuerl to replace him.

"To follow in such large footprints requires an enormous amount of courage and support," Wuerl said at Washington's Archdiocesan Pastoral Center in Hyattsville, Md. "While I am greatly aware that I have a lot to learn about this archdiocesan Church, I have strong ties to this community."

Wuerl, 65, spoke in English



J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

Incoming archbishop of the Archdiocese of Washington Donald Wuerl said Tuesday he realizes he has a lot to learn about D.C., but has strong ties to the area.

and Spanish in recognition of the diversity among the 560,000 Roman Catholics in the archdiocese, which includes the District of Columbia and five counties in southern Maryland. He will be installed as the archdiocese's sixth bishop June 22.

"We are absolutely delighted

that the Holy Father gave us so special of a man," McCarrick said. "He's an extraordinary man, who you will love."

Wuerl, who completed his ministerial training in Washington, is a native of Pittsburgh. DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

Darfur Protest Leads to Arrests

WASHINGTON | Seven members of the Congressional Black Caucus were arrested at the Embassy of Sudan on Tuesday while protesting conditions in the nation's Darfur region.

"We will not tolerate genocide," said Rep. Mel Watt, D-N.C., the caucus chairman. "We are saying to Sudan this has got to stop."

The seven were taken away in Secret Service cars after blocking the entrance to an embassy. They were



Rep. Watt, left, is arrested after blocking the entrance to the Sudan embassy.

released after paying \$50 fines.

Rep. Barbara Lee, D-Calif., wore a T-shirt that read, "End the Darfur Genocide." FREDERIC J. FROMMER (AP)

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Daily 6	2-11-31-28-12-38 (39)
MARYLAND	
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Evening Pick 3	3-2-1

VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 4	7-4-5-3
Evening Pick 4	3-1-5-4
Match 5	8-9-13-16-19 (11)
VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3 (Tues.)	1-9-4
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	8-6-9
Mid-day Pick 4 (Tues.)	9-1-2-5
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	7-6-7-3
Mid-day Cash 5 (Tues.)	7-14-19-31-32
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Defense Assails Enron Prosecutors

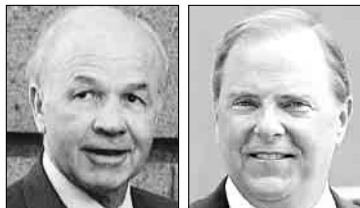
Lawyers for Skilling, Lay make final case to jurors in fraud trial

HOUSTON | The government bore down on Enron Corp. as it would the Mafia, intimidating top lieutenants into pointing fingers at their bosses because someone had to pay for crimes that preceded the company's stunning collapse, the lawyer for former Chief Executive Jeffrey Skilling said Tuesday.

"This was all manufactured after the fact," Daniel Petrocelli declared in an impassioned plea for jurors to acquit his client of all 28 fraud and conspiracy counts against him. "Because it's Enron. After all, somebody has to pay. It's Enron."

In a searing closing argument, Petrocelli sought to drive home the defense theme that neither Skilling nor Enron founder Kenneth Lay perpetuated an overarching fraud at the company.

But prosecutors, unable to dig up



Lay

Skilling

tangible proof, found mouthpieces in a string of ex-Enron executives "robbed of their free will," who pleaded guilty to crimes they didn't commit, Petrocelli said.

Lay lawyer Bruce Collins, the first of several attorneys on his legal team to address jurors, said his client has accepted "full responsibility" for Enron's failure — but Lay committed no crimes.

Tuesday's lengthy closing arguments were the last opportunities for the defendants' lawyers to address jurors. Prosecutors get one more chance in a rebuttal argument on Wednesday. Then, jurors will begin deliberations in the case that began Jan. 30. KRISTEN HAYS (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS: Wal-Mart Stores Inc. overcame higher fuel prices and increased internal costs to post a 6.3 percent increase in its first quarter profit, beating estimates and sending its shares modestly higher. Wal-Mart earned \$2.615 billion, or 63 cents per share, in the three months ended April 30, up from \$2.461 billion, or 58 cents a share, a year earlier. (AP)

UAW Votes to Approve Strike Against Delphi

DETROIT | United Auto Workers members have voted to authorize a strike against auto parts supplier Delphi Corp., adding a new threat to already tense negotiations between the two sides and Delphi's former parent and largest customer General Motors Corp.

The UAW said Tuesday that more than 95 percent of members who voted approved the strike authorization.

UAW members had been expected to approve the measure, which allows the international union to call a strike against Delphi if it feels

one is necessary as the two sides bargain over wages.

Delphi spokesman Lindsey Williams said the company intends to keep negotiating with the UAW.

The UAW is by far the largest of Delphi's six unions, representing 24,000 of the company's 33,000 U.S. hourly workers.

The International Union of Electronic Workers-Communications Workers of America, which represents 8,000 workers, also has voted to authorize a strike.

DEE-ANN DURBIN (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
IDT Corp	12.75	+1.60	+14.3
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Brookdale n	46.90	+4.67	+11.1
FactsetR	46.23	+3.64	+8.5
TmpRusEE	78.50	+6.00	+8.3

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Sirva If	6.90	-1.68	-19.6
WolvTub	3.20	-.42	-11.6
GlobPwr If	3.70	-.46	-11.1
ClevCliffs	82.00	-8.64	-9.5
Carnival	42.60	-3.94	-8.5

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
NCO Grp	26.00	+6.95	+36.5
Simclar	7.05	+1.35	+23.7
INTAC	9.85	+1.40	+16.6
DXP Ent	54.58	+7.16	+15.1
OraLabs	5.08	+.65	+14.7

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Neurcrine	20.76	-33.87	-62.0
DOV Ph	3.02	-4.03	-57.2
EscalaGp	7.70	-1.75	-18.5
Ionatron	7.76	-1.67	-17.7
JacoElec	3.16	-.67	-17.5

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.00	7.75
Fed Funds close	5.00	4.875
3-month disc	4.71	4.76
2-year	4.95	4.97
10-year	5.10	5.13
30-year	5.21	5.20

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5298	.5321	.5442
Canadian Dollar	1.1075	1.1129	1.2700
European Euro	.7780	.7807	.7914
Japanese Yen	109.72	110.20	107.02
Mexican Peso	11.0250	11.1290	11.0120
Taiwanese Dollar	31.75	31.63	31.41

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Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
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Comc sp	32.04	-.02	+24.7
DirectTV	17.85	+.30	+26.4
Disney	30.35	+.36	+26.6
EchoStar	30.58	-.28	+12.5
McGrwH	53.80	+.24	+4.2
NewsCpA	19.11	+.46	+22.9
NewsCpB	20.10	+.38	+21.0
Omnicom	91.92	-.19	+8.0
Thomson	40.05	+.67	+15.8
TimeWarn	17.62	+.08	+1.0
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Sports



Jason Terry, left, moves past Bruce Bowen during Game 4, in which the Mavericks moved even farther ahead of the Spurs, 3-1.

A Final-ly Worthy Series

Next year, the West's 2 best teams may play in the conference finals

NBA PLAYOFFS | This type of series is exactly why the NBA will likely change its playoff format next season.

Because, so far, the Dallas Mavericks and San Antonio Spurs have delivered a riveting second-round series perhaps better suited for a conference final, with the Mavericks' 123-118 overtime win

Monday night another thriller.

Jason Terry scored four of his 32 points in overtime, including the go-ahead layup and the clincher — an arching jumper over the lunging, outstretched arms of Tim Duncan to put Dallas up 3-1 in the series.

If the Mavericks beat the defending champions Wednesday in San Antonio, they'll advance to their second conference final in four years.

The finals is where the Spurs and Mavericks could have only met if the top two playoff seeds were based on records — which NBA commission-

er David Stern announced before Monday's game would likely happen next season. The Spurs won just three more games than Dallas in the regular season, but Dallas was dropped to the No. 4 seed behind the other two division winners.

But even if it's not a series with the NBA Finals on the line, it has played out that way.

"That was the best game I've ever been a part of," said Mavericks forward Jerry Stackhouse, who scored 26 points. "The emotional roller coaster was unbelievable." (AP)

'Sheed, Pistons Surprised by Cavs

With series tied 2-2, Wallace still not afraid of 'cats' in Cleveland

NBA PLAYOFFS | With one giant step, LeBron James made like an NFL punter and booted the basketball with all his might, rocketing it skyward and toward the pulsating arena's second deck.

He didn't have an intended target, so James smiled as he watched it soar and land in a swarm of bodies.

This, was an air ball to savor.

Beating Detroit at its own defense-oriented, grind-it-out game, the Cleveland Cavaliers evened their second-round series with a 74-72 victory Monday night over the Pistons, who for the first time didn't fulfill one of Rasheed Wallace's playoff predictions.

What started off as a lopsided best-of-seven series is now 2-2 and suddenly a best-of-three, some-

thing the Pistons — and Wallace in particular — could have never imagined.

"Everybody was counting us out," said James, who had 22 points, nine assists, eight rebounds and eight turnovers. "Even people in our own backyard were counting us out. That's extra motivation for us. We don't listen to nobody."

Not even to Wallace, who following Detroit's loss in Game 3 had promised the Pistons would not only win Game 4, but that the Cavaliers would be playing in front of their fans for the last time this season. He was doubly wrong, but maintains the Pistons still have control of the series.

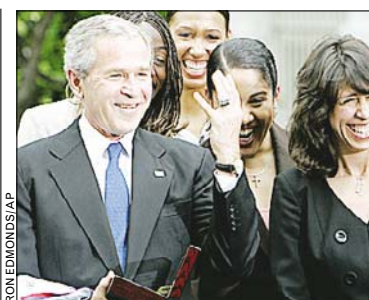
"I ain't worried about these cats," said Wallace, who sprained his right ankle in the first quarter and was on the bench in crunch time in the fourth. "There's no way in hell they beat us in a series."

TOM WITHERS (AP)

President Greet WNBA Champions

WNBA | President Bush made a couple of bounce passes Tuesday while saluting the WNBA champion Sacramento Monarchs and the 10th anniversary of the league.

WNBA president Donna Orender and the Monarchs presented Bush with a WNBA basketball, jersey and championship ring at the ceremony in the East Garden. Bush passed around the 10th anniversary ball and posed for photos. (AP)



President Bush shows off his gift from the Monarchs, a championship ring.

In Brief

NFL

Top Pick Practices With Texans for the First Time

Defensive end Mario Williams, the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft, fit in seamlessly with his new Houston Texans teammates Tuesday, going through about two hours of drills. It's a good sign, considering the Texans will look for Williams to

start immediately as they switch from a 3-4 defense to a 4-3 scheme. The 6-foot-7, 292-pounder signed a six-year \$54 million contract, with \$26.5 million guaranteed the night before the draft. (AP)

TENNIS

For Davenport, No French Open Due to Back Injury

Lindsay Davenport withdrew from the French Open on Tuesday because she is still recovering from a back injury. Davenport,



Lindsay Davenport withdrew from the French Open because of a back injury.

who reached the quarterfinals at Roland Garros last year, said in a statement that she has not recovered sufficiently "to allow me to defend my chances normally." Davenport, ranked No. 7 in the world, has not played since aggravating her back in mid-March at the Pacific Life Open. (AP)

NHL

New Jersey's Elias Wants to Explore Free Agency Market Patrik Elias will explore the free

agency market if the Devils fail to come up with a contract that makes the high-scoring left wing want to stay in New Jersey. "If it's right, I want to stay, obviously," Elias said Tuesday after the Devils gathered one final time this season for a team picture. "It's just that I am in a situation where I can take advantage of it." Devils president and general manager Lou Lamoriello plans to do everything possible to sign Elias, who will become a free agent on July 1. (AP)



Research Study Trying to Improve Depressive Symptoms Quickly

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COWARDLY LIONS: The German company producing Goleo, the World Cup's official mascot, has filed for bankruptcy amid reports of low demand for the stuffed lions.

Sports

Bowden, Paterno In Hall

Rule changes allow college coaches to claim 'Hall of Famer'

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Since Joe Paterno and Bobby Bowden failed to meet the qualifications for induction into the college football Hall of Fame, the folks who run the hall simply changed the rules.

Instead of requiring a coach be retired, the National Football Foundation decided to make any active coach over 75 eligible for induction.

With the red tape cut, the winningest coaches in Division I-A were elected Tuesday and can now be called Hall of Famers.

"I wasn't expecting it because I thought you had to die first — and I didn't want to volunteer for that," Bowden said during a conference call. "They might have changed the rules to get me and Joe in. But I'm very excited about it."

Joining Paterno and Bowden are 13 players, including Heisman Trophy winners Mike Rozier of Nebraska and Florida State's Charlie Ward.

Florida's Emmitt Smith, who became the NFL's career rushing leader, and Virginia Tech's Bruce Smith, the NFL's all-time sacks leader, are both going into the college Hall of Fame in their first year of eligibility. **RALPH RUSSO (AP)**



Sweetnorthernstain gets a bath from Michael Trombetta. The favorite at the Derby finished seventh, but is expected to make a bid at the Preakness on Saturday.

Local Derby Favorite Looks to Preakness

Sweetnorthernstain couldn't capitalize in Kentucky's big race

HORSE RACING | On a quiet, cool day at Pimlico Race Course, trainer Michael Trombetta stood in front of the stakes barn Monday and spoke with authority about how Sweetnorthernstain was going to turn in a redemptive performance in the Preakness.

His Maryland-based horse got off to a troubling start in the Kentucky Derby and finished a distant seventh behind Barbaro. But Trombetta quickly put the disappointment behind him and has turned his focus toward winning a race he considers to be equally important.

"Time heals all wounds. It takes a little bit to get over it, but I've got a good horse and I got him home healthy. That's as important to me as anything," Trombetta said, on a morning in which the temperature dipped into the 50s.

Raised in Maryland, Trombetta has a special place in his heart for the Preakness. After watching it in the stands for so many years, he can't wait for the opportunity to saddle a horse in the state's most important race.

"This has been home for me. I grew up around here. It would mean a lot to me to do well here on this day," Trombetta said. "There's something to be said for being familiar with the environment. To be able to do good here this weekend, that would be super special." **(AP)**

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NATIONALS (8 P.M. ON MASN) Zach Day will be on the mound again when the Nats face off against the Cubs in Chicago.

ORIOLES (7 P.M. ON COMCAST) The Orioles' Erik Bedard hasn't won since April 20, but he'll be looking to change that against Tim Wakefield and the Red Sox.

NBA PLAYOFFS (7 P.M. ON TNT) Somehow, Cleveland is still in this series against the defending Eastern Conference champion Detroit Pistons.

NBA PLAYOFFS (9:30 P.M. ON TNT) And the

Western Conference champion San Antonio Spurs are on the ropes, down 3-1 to Dallas.

NHL PLAYOFFS (8 P.M. ON OLN) The Edmonton Oilers, the No. 8 seed in the East, are one game away from eliminating the San Jose Sharks and advancing to the conference finals.

HORSE RACING (5 P.M. ON ESPN2) If you want to find out who will run where at the Preakness, the Post Position Draw is the show to watch.

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"This thing, it's like chasing two ghosts, you know. I can imagine what Roger Maris went through. Babe Ruth, I think he just kind of hovers over people."

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Sports



NO MORE PREGAMING? Florida and Georgia will no longer host the World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party. The annual college football game has gone by that moniker since the 1950s. But student deaths and an emphasis on responsible alcohol use, prompted the change.

For Beard, Xmas in Korea

Low pay at home sends Mystics star and others overseas for offseason

MYSTICS | Alana Beard is talented and charismatic, a natural leader who just turned 24.

She is the only Duke women's basketball player to have her jersey number retired, and in just two years, she has established herself as the face of the WNBA's Washington Mystics.

But, five months ago, she spent a miserable Christmas in South Korea.

"The hardest thing I think I've ever had to deal with," Beard said. "It was even harder than going off to college for four years. It was hard not being with my family. I missed Thanksgiving and I missed Christmas to play basketball and I vowed never to do that again. I cried the whole day."

Not long afterward, she was the toast of Seoul women's basketball, at least for one night, when she recorded the first triple-double in



Just two years into her career, Mystics guard Alana Beard is already a leader.

the history of the Korean league: 31 points, 20 rebounds and 10 assists for the Shinsegae Coolcat in an 84-80 loss.

"In Korea, it was a huge deal," said Beard, who received a bonus of about \$2,500 for the feat.

Beard spends her offseasons in Australia and South Korea to sup-

plement a WNBA contract that will pay her \$42,432 this season — not a great sum for any occupation in the high-cost-of-living area around the nation's capital.

Such is the way of life for most of America's top women players, whose home professional league has a niche audience but has yet to make the kind of mainstream impact that would translate into solid television ratings and salaries to match.

Beard will have to live with her WNBA entry-level contract for two more years. She has a standard three-year deal with a team option for a fourth year, which the Mystics already have exercised. That means more overseas trips next offseason, playing another partial season for the Canberra Capitals in Australia before moving on to South Korea.

But there should be no holiday blues this year. Beard said she's flying home for Christmas.

"Definitely," she said. "I've already put that in my contract."

JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

Hughes, Cavs Attend Funeral

NBA PLAYOFFS | LeBron James and his Cleveland Cavaliers teammates took a solemn break from their playoff series Tuesday to attend the funeral of the 20-year-old brother of guard Larry Hughes.

The Cavaliers flew to St. Louis after beating the Detroit Pistons 74-72 Monday night to even the best-of-seven second-round playoff series

at 2-2. Hughes has missed the past two games — both wins — to be with his family following Justin Hughes' death last week.

Hundreds of people attended the service for Justin Hughes, who was born with a heart defect and had a transplant in 1997. In a program for the funeral service, the elder Hughes wrote a tribute to his brother: "I am my brother's keeper. My life is his world. His life is my everything."

The team will go to Detroit for Game 5 Wednesday night. (AP)

MLB

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N.Y. Yankees	21	15	.583	1	12-7	9-8
Toronto	21	16	.568	1.5	13-8	8-8
Baltimore	18	21	.462	5.5	13-11	5-10
Tampa Bay	15	23	.395	8	7-10	8-13

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Chicago	25	12	.676	—	14-5	11-7
Detroit	24	13	.649	1	8-6	16-7
Cleveland	17	21	.447	8.5	8-9	9-12
Minnesota	17	21	.447	8.5	12-8	5-13
Kansas City	10	25	.286	14	8-8	2-17

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Texas	20	17	.541	—	9-12	11-5
Oakland	18	19	.486	2	7-10	11-9
Seattle	17	22	.436	4	9-13	8-9
L.A. Angels	16	22	.421	4.5	7-10	9-12

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
N.Y. Mets	23	14	.622	—	12-6	11-8
Philadelphia	22	15	.595	1	12-11	10-4
Atlanta	18	20	.474	5.5	9-6	9-14
Washington	13	25	.342	10.5	3-10	10-15
Florida	11	25	.314	11.5	3-14	8-11

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
St. Louis	24	14	.632	—	16-6	8-8
Cincinnati	23	15	.605	1	12-8	11-7
Houston	22	17	.564	2.5	16-6	6-11
Milwaukee	19	19	.500	5	13-7	6-12
Chicago	15	22	.405	8.5	8-9	7-13
Pittsburgh	11	27	.289	13	8-10	3-17

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
San Diego	22	17	.564	—	10-12	12-5
Arizona	21	17	.553	0.5	11-7	10-10
Colorado	21	18	.538	1	9-9	12-9
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UBER THURMAN: According to AP, Uma Thurman has secured the film rights to German author Frank Schätzing's best-seller "The Swarm." The eco-thriller dominated Germany's best-seller lists for a year and was translated into 18 languages.



Entertainment



GIVING BACK: Don't let the sullen stare fool you — "CSI's" Hill Harper wants to be a positive role model for young black men.

Plan for Success

Ivy League grad Hill Harper offers advice to 'Young Brothers'

FOR THE CHILDREN | The negative statistics about America's black men can be overwhelming. Actor Hill Harper of "CSI: NY" wants to help. His first book, "Letters

to a Young Brother: MANifest Your Destiny," offers advice about choosing good friends and making school less tedious. There are sections on impressing girls, recovering from mistakes and ignoring the lure of bling.

Harper, 39, was studying at Brown University when he stumbled upon an acting class. He got a

law degree and a master's in public administration at Harvard while going on auditions.

You've mentored boys and often visit schools. Is that where the book idea came from?

Yes. Two young men at a middle school pulled me aside after I gave a talk. They said they wanted to go

to college, but no one in their family had, they didn't have any money and weren't good at taking tests. "What can we do?" These were answerable questions, but I realized I can't talk to every kid. I went home and started the book.

The questions from your "young brother" are specific: "Why do girls act so complicated?" and "What if school is not for me?"

Those are questions and issues that young men have asked me personally. I write about my life lessons, but I bring other voices in, too. There are quotes from people like James Baldwin and Will Smith. I have an e-mail from the rapper Nas about being a man. I also have my professor from Harvard Law School, Charles J. Ogletree Jr., write about how he succeeded even though his parents didn't finish high school.

You talk about topics like AIDS and drugs, but this book is for youth.

Those are problems they're dealing with. The challenge was taking sophisticated ideas and making them understandable to the most reluctant reader. I don't talk down to them.

Why a book? Why not a film?

People watch films with others around them, so boys in a theater with their friends would need to keep up a front. I'm hoping black women will buy this book as a gift. Boys just need to read half of one letter, and I got them.

How can you be so sure?

A lot of these young men have nobody in their lives saying, "You're brilliant. You can do anything you want." So few have had a black male elder look them in the eye and say, "I love you." This book is basically a series of love letters. It's needed.

ERIN TEXEIRA (AP)

Today's Top Stops

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The Charlatans UK: A British Thing

Mixing pop-rock with new reggae overtones, the Charlatans UK have evolved. The band's been massive in the U.K. since 1990 — when its psychedelic spin on the Stones was all the rage — but never made much of a dent here. The Strokes/Stripes-like Blood Arm, from L.A., opens.

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Bob Marley: Not That Bob Marley

2 He probably won't sing "I Shot the Sheriff," but this stand-up comic has appeared on Letterman, Leno, Conan, Comedy Central and "MAD TV." The late nighters know comedy, but still, the Maine man picked a really weird stage-name.

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Entertainment



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The Mediocre Score

Hans Zimmer creates the musical backdrop to 'The Da Vinci Code'

SOUNDTRACKS | Composer and ex-Buggie Hans Zimmer has scored some major movies, from "Gladiator" to "The Lion King," but it is unlikely that he's ever worked on a movie as anticipated as the inevitable blockbuster adaptation of Dan Brown's "The Da Vinci Code."

And what can you expect from Zimmer's latest opus?

Well, you shouldn't expect any horrible spontaneous hair growth that you'll be forced to comb back as to resemble a certain author of a certain book. What you can expect,



COMPOSED: Hans Zimmer at the keyboard in his Santa Monica, Calif., studio.

however, is a serviceable collection of classical music that is lacking of the repetitive, yet infectious melodies of a John Williams tune or the quirkiness of a Danny Elfman work.

That's not to say "The Da Vinci Code" score is bad, merely pedestrian, never rising beyond the level of tolerable background music. It's often quiet and sedate, and Zimmer's use of a choir aids the quasi-religious atmosphere, key to the subject matter.

Perhaps it would have been a more worthwhile album if it included music inspired by the film in addition to the score. Is a world without a reworked cover of the Harry Belafonte hit refashioned as "Dei-O" really one you want to live in?

SCOTT ROSENBERG (EXPRESS)

Poet Stanley Kunitz Dies At Age 100

PASSAGES | Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Stanley Kunitz died in his sleep on Sunday, his publisher said Monday.

Kunitz was 95 when appointed U.S. poet laureate in 2000, capping a 70-year career that included a term as Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress, the precursor to the poet laureate post, from 1974-76 and a National Medal of the Arts.

Kunitz's early work was formal, often dependent on rhyme and meter. Over time, his verse simplified. Kunitz said he'd learned to "strip the water out of my poems."

His daughter said a private memorial is planned this weekend. Public ceremonies are expected this summer. (AP)

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UNITED 93 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (120 410) 710 1000
STICK IT (PG-13) DIG (150 440) 715 950
AKEELAH AND THE BEE (PG) DIG (100 400) 650 940
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG-13) DIG (240 505) 725 945
ICE AGE 2: THE MELTDOWN (PG) DIG (230 525) 750 1035
THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (120 430) 745

BOWIE STADIUM 14

15200 Major Lansdale Blvd 800-FANDANGO 454#

Adv. Tix on Sale X-MEN 3 (PG-13) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale OVER THE HEDGE (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale THE DA VINCI CODE (PG-13) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale THE BOONDOCK SAINTS (R) - ID REQ'D ★
POSEIDON (PG-13) DIG ★ (1245 120 155 335 410 445) 640 715 750 935 1010 1045
MISSION IMPOSSIBLE 3 (PG-13) DIG (1240 115 145 400 430 500) 645 710 745 815 1000 1030
HOOT (PG) DIG (1250 350)
AKEELAH AND THE BEE (PG) DIG (100 420) 720 1020
RV (PG) DIG (125 425) 700 955
UNITED 93 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (130 435) 735 1035
SILENT HILL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (140 440) 740 1040

BETHESDA 10

7272 Wisconsin Avenue 800-FANDANGO 569#

Adv. Tix on Sale X-MEN 3 (PG-13) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale OVER THE HEDGE (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale THE DA VINCI CODE (PG-13) ★
GOAL! THE DREAM BEGINS (PG) DIG (120 410) 715 1010
JUST MY LUCK (PG-13) DIG (1255 340) 745 1015
POSEIDON (PG-13) DIG ★ (1245 110 330 350) 700 730 800 930 1005
HOOT (PG) DIG (135 415)
MISSION IMPOSSIBLE 3 (PG-13) DIG (100 130 400 430) 705 1000 1020
UNITED 93 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1250 355) 655 935
STICK IT (PG-13) DIG (115 405) 645 955
AKEELAH AND THE BEE (PG) DIG (105 345) 740 1015

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POTOMAC YARD STADIUM 16

3575 Jefferson Davis Hwy 800-FANDANGO 690#

Adv. Tix on Sale X-MEN 3 (PG-13) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale OVER THE HEDGE (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale THE DA VINCI CODE (PG-13) ★
OC: MISSION IMPOSSIBLE 3 (PG-13) DIG (1240) 700
JUST MY LUCK (PG-13) DIG (1140 220 500) 740 1015
GOAL! THE DREAM BEGINS (PG) DIG (130 430) 725 1025
POSEIDON (PG-13) DIG ★ (1150 200 230 440 510) 720 750 820 950 1020
MISSION IMPOSSIBLE 3 (PG-13) DIG (110 140 210 350 420 450 520) 730 800 830 940 1010 1040
AKEELAH AND THE BEE (PG) DIG (150 435) 735 1035
UNITED 93 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1145 225 505) 755 1030
RV (PG) DIG (130 400) 645 915
STICK IT (PG-13) DIG (145 425) 710 1000
AN AMERICAN HAUNTING (PG-13) DIG (1215 235 455) 715 935
HOOT (PG) DIG (1250 310 530)
THE SENTINEL (PG-13) DIG (120 410) 650
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG-13) DIG (155 415) 640 900

COUNTRYSIDE STADIUM 20

45980 Regal Plaza 800-FANDANGO 394#

Adv. Tix on Sale X-MEN 3 (PG-13) ★
MISSION IMPOSSIBLE 3 - DIGITAL PROJECTION (PG-13) DIG (1120 220 540) 840
GOAL! THE DREAM BEGINS (PG) DIG (120 415) 720 1000
POSEIDON (PG-13) DIG ★ (1130 1230 130 230 330 430 530) 630 730 830 930 1030
JUST MY LUCK (PG-13) DIG (200 450) 740 1010
ART SCHOOL CONFIDENTIAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1140 240 510) 750 1035
AN AMERICAN HAUNTING (PG-13) DIG (1150 250 520) 800 1015
MISSION IMPOSSIBLE 3 (PG-13) DIG (1220 1250 150 340 410 500) 640 710 810 910 950 1020
HOOT (PG) DIG (1200 320) 635 850
UNITED 93 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (140 420) 715 945
STICK IT (PG-13) DIG (145 445) 745 1025
RV (PG) DIG (100 400) 655 920
AKEELAH AND THE BEE (PG) DIG (1245 350) 650 940
SILENT HILL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (110) 900
THE WILD (G) DIG (210 440)
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG-13) DIG (1210 300 535) 820 1035
ICE AGE 2: THE MELTDOWN (PG) DIG (1240 310) 625
CRAZY LIKE A FOX (PG-13) DIG (345) 645

ROCKVILLE CENTER STADIUM 13

Rockville Town Center 800-FANDANGO 248#
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Adv. Tix on Sale X-MEN 3 (PG-13) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale OVER THE HEDGE (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale THE DA VINCI CODE (PG-13) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale THE BOONDOCK SAINTS (R) - ID REQ'D ★
POSEIDON (PG-13) DIG ★ (1215 1255 240 420 510) 720 750 1000 1030
GOAL! THE DREAM BEGINS (PG) DIG (1225 425) 715 1005
JUST MY LUCK (PG-13) DIG (1205 235 505) 745 1025
HOOT (PG) DIG (1200 225 450)
MISSION IMPOSSIBLE 3 (PG-13) DIG (1220 1240 110 320 350 430) 630 700 730 800 940 1010 1040
UNITED 93 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1235 400) 705 945
RV (PG) DIG (1210 245 515) 755 1035
AKEELAH AND THE BEE (PG) DIG (1230 355) 725 1015

OC= Open Captioned DA= Descriptive Audio Available

FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10

4110 W Ox Road 800-FANDANGO 670#

Adv. Tix on Sale X-MEN 3 (PG-13) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale KORN IN CONCERT (R) - ID REQ'D ★
Adv. Tix on Sale THE DREAM BEGINS (PG) DIG (115 410) 720 1015
ART SCHOOL CONFIDENTIAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (135 420) 730 1005
AN AMERICAN HAUNTING (PG-13) DIG (140 355) 705 930
UNITED 93 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (155 440) 720 1010
AKEELAH AND THE BEE (PG) DIG (150 430) 715 1000
THE SENTINEL (PG-13) DIG (125 400) 710 950
SILENT HILL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 350) 645 940
THE WILD (G) DIG (110 325 535) 745
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG-13) DIG 1020
BENCHWARMERS (PG-13) DIG (105 320 530) 740 955
THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (R) - ID REQ'D (145 415) 655 920

GERMANTOWN STADIUM 14

20000 Century Blvd 800-FANDANGO 455#

Adv. Tix on Sale X-MEN 3 (PG-13) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale OVER THE HEDGE (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale THE DA VINCI CODE (PG-13) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale THE BOONDOCK SAINTS (R) - ID REQ'D ★
POSEIDON (PG-13) DIG ★ (1200 100 230 400 500) 720 750 1020
MISSION IMPOSSIBLE 3 (PG-13) DIG (1210 1240 110 320 350 420) 630 700 730 800 940 1010
JUST MY LUCK (PG-13) DIG (115 415) 740 1020
ART SCHOOL CONFIDENTIAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1250 340) 720 1005
GOAL! THE DREAM BEGINS (PG) DIG (1245 400) 730 1015
AN AMERICAN HAUNTING (PG-13) DIG (1215 240 500) 715 940
HOOT (PG) DIG (1200 230 450)
UNITED 93 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (130 445) 740 1030
STICK IT (PG-13) DIG (120 410) 745 1030
RV (PG) DIG (1220 345) 710 950
AKEELAH AND THE BEE (PG) DIG (120 410) 710 950

UA SNOWDEN SQ STADIUM 14

9161 Commerce Ctr Dr 800-FANDANGO 570#

Adv. Tix on Sale X-MEN 3 (PG-13) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale OVER THE HEDGE (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale THE DA VINCI CODE (PG-13) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale THE BOONDOCK SAINTS (R) - ID REQ'D ★
Adv. Tix on Sale KORN IN CONCERT (R) - ID REQ'D ★
JUST MY LUCK (PG-13) DIG (130 400) 715 950
POSEIDON (PG-13) DIG ★ (1230 115 200 330 415 500) 700 730 815 900 1015
ART SCHOOL CONFIDENTIAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 400) 745 1015
AN AMERICAN HAUNTING (PG-13) DIG 800 1020
HOOT (PG) DIG (145 500)
MISSION IMPOSSIBLE 3 (PG-13) DIG (115 200 415 515) 645 730 815 940 1020
OC & DA: UNITED 93 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1245) 700
UNITED 93 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1245) 700
STICK IT (PG-13) DIG (145 430) 745 1010
RV (PG) DIG (1245 315) 645 935
AKEELAH AND THE BEE (PG) DIG (100 345) 630 915
THE SENTINEL (PG-13) DIG (130 430) 715 950
ICE AGE 2: THE MELTDOWN (PG) DIG (1230 330)

MANASSAS STADIUM 14

11380 Bulloch Drive 800-FANDANGO 490#

Adv. Tix on Sale X-MEN 3 (PG-13) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale OVER THE HEDGE (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale THE DA VINCI CODE (PG-13) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale THE BOONDOCK SAINTS (R) - ID REQ'D ★
POSEIDON (PG-13) DIG ★ (1200 1240 230 330 415 500) 640 720 750 910 955 1020
GOAL! THE DREAM BEGINS (PG) DIG (1230 340) 715 1010
JUST MY LUCK (PG-13) DIG (1130 200 440) 740 1015
AN AMERICAN HAUNTING (PG-13) DIG (1145 215 430) 805 1025
HOOT (PG) DIG (1155 210 425)
MISSION IMPOSSIBLE 3 (PG-13) DIG (1210 100 140 320 405 450) 630 700 735 800 940 1005 1030
UNITED 93 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1255 345) 725 1000
STICK IT (PG-13) DIG (1225 315) 650 920
RV (PG) DIG (1220 310) 705 935
SILENT HILL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 645 945
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG-13) DIG (1245)
ICE AGE 2: THE MELTDOWN (PG) DIG (1140 155 415)

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JUST MY LUCK (PG13) 12:10, 2:45, 5:25, 7:55, 10:25
POSEIDON (PG13) ✓ 12:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:55, 4:30, 5:00, 6:30, 7:15, 8:00, 9:00, 9:45, 10:30
AN AMERICAN HAUNTING (PG13) 12:45, 3:00, 5:20, 7:55, 10:20
HOOT (PG) 1:05, 3:20, 5:35, 8:20
MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE III (PG13) 12:15, 1:00, 1:45, 2:15, 3:15, 4:05, 4:45, 5:15, 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 8:15, 9:15, 10:00, 10:45
RV (PG) 1:20, 4:10, 6:40, 9:05
STICK IT (PG13) 2:05, 4:35, 7:05, 9:50
UNITED 93 (R) 11:55, 2:40, 5:25, 8:05, 10:45
THE SENTINEL (PG13) 2:25, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20
SILENT HILL (R) 1:55, 4:40, 6:45, 7:30, 9:55, 10:40
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) 12:00, 2:30, 5:05, 7:35, 10:15
THE WILD (G) 11:55, 2:10, 4:25
LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) 6:35, 9:20
TAKE THE LEAD (PG13) 10:40 PM
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 1:25, 3:45
INSIDE MAN (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:10, 10:05



GOAL! THE DREAM BEGINS (PG) ✓ 2:10, 4:55, 7:50, 10:35
ART SCHOOL CONFIDENTIAL (R) ✓ 12:20, 2:55, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40
AKEELAH AND THE BEE (PG) 1:40, 4:20, 7:20, 10:00

AMC SPRINGFIELD MALL 10

Loisdale and Franconia Road
703-971-3991

JUST MY LUCK (PG13) 2:15, 5:00, 8:45
POSEIDON (PG13) 1:45, 4:45, 8:15
HOOT (PG) 4:50
MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE III (PG13) 2:00, 4:50, 8:30
RV (PG) 5:00, 8:00
RV (PG) 5:00, 8:00
STICK IT (PG13) 5:20, 8:45
UNITED 93 (R) 5:10, 8:30
SILENT HILL (R) 7:30
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) 8:15
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 4:30

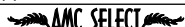


GOAL! THE DREAM BEGINS (PG) 1:30, 4:30, 8:00
AKEELAH AND THE BEE (PG) 4:40, 7:45

AMC MAZZA GALLERY

Jenifer and Wisconsin
202-537-9553

JUST MY LUCK (PG13) ✓ 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
HOOT (PG) 2:50, 5:00, 7:25, 9:40
THE SENTINEL (PG13) 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) 9:50 PM
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 2:20, 4:30
INSIDE MAN (R) 2:10, 5:10, 8:10
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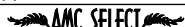
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AKEELAH AND THE BEE (PG) 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:55

LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14

3111 K Street, N.W.
202-342-6441 821

PRESENTED IN DIGITAL PROJECTION
MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE III (PG13) 2:15, 5:15, 8:15

POSEIDON (PG13) ✓ 12:45, 1:30, 2:30, 3:15, 4:00, 5:00, 5:45, 6:45, 7:45, 8:30, 9:20, 10:20, 10:45
POSEIDON (PG13) 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:30, 10:45
CRAZY LIKE A FOX (PG13) 4:20, 9:40
MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE III (PG13) 12:45, 1:15, 3:30, 4:30, 6:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:30
UNITED 93 (R) 2:25, 5:05, 7:50, 10:35
THE SENTINEL (PG13) 1:35, 7:00
SILENT HILL (R) 1:25, 6:50
INSIDE MAN (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10



GOAL! THE DREAM BEGINS (PG) ✓ 1:45, 4:35, 7:20, 10:15
ART SCHOOL CONFIDENTIAL (R) ✓ 2:15, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50
AKEELAH AND THE BEE (PG) 4:15, 9:35
FRIENDS WITH MONEY (R) 1:05, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:25
THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (R) 12:50, 3:00, 5:25, 7:40, 10:05

LOEWS WISCONSIN AVE. 6

4000 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.
202-244-0882 714

POSEIDON (PG13) 1:30, 2:15, 4:00, 4:45, 6:30, 7:15
POSEIDON (PG13) 1:30, 2:15, 4:00, 4:45, 6:30, 7:15
AN AMERICAN HAUNTING (PG13) 2:20, 4:40, 7:20
STICK IT (PG13) 1:50, 4:25, 7:05
UNITED 93 (R) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10



GOAL! THE DREAM BEGINS (PG) ✓ 1:45, 4:35, 7:20, 10:15
ART SCHOOL CONFIDENTIAL (R) ✓ 2:15, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50
AKEELAH AND THE BEE (PG) 4:15, 9:35
FRIENDS WITH MONEY (R) 1:05, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:25
THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (R) 12:50, 3:00, 5:25, 7:40, 10:05

LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5

North Bethesda
310-423-1014 741

JUST MY LUCK (PG13) 2:05, 4:30, 7:00
POSEIDON (PG13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00
MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE III (PG13) 2:00, 4:35, 7:35
UNITED 93 (R) 2:15, 4:50, 7:25

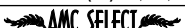


AKEELAH AND THE BEE (PG) 2:10, 4:40, 7:30

AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18

2700 Potomac Mills Circle, Ste 886
703-998-4262

JUST MY LUCK (PG13) ✓ 2:10, 4:35, 7:10, 9:35
JUST MY LUCK (PG13) 2:10, 4:35, 7:10, 9:35
POSEIDON (PG13) ✓ 1:10, 2:00, 2:50, 3:50, 4:30, 5:20, 6:30, 7:15, 8:05, 9:00, 9:50
AN AMERICAN HAUNTING (PG13) 1:55, 4:15, 7:25, 9:30
HOOT (PG) 3:10, 7:30
MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE III (PG13) 1:00, 1:45, 3:15, 4:00, 4:45, 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 9:15, 10:00
RV (PG) 2:15, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
STICK IT (PG13) 1:50, 4:25, 7:05, 9:30
UNITED 93 (R) 1:40, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55
THE SENTINEL (PG13) 7:25, 10:00
SILENT HILL (R) 1:35, 4:20, 7:05, 9:55
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) 5:30, 7:35, 9:40
THE WILD (G) 1:20, 3:25
THE BENCHWARMERS (PG13) 1:05, 5:25, 9:45
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 1:15, 3:20, 5:25

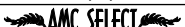


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ART SCHOOL CONFIDENTIAL (R) ✓ 2:05, 4:50, 7:15, 9:45
AKEELAH AND THE BEE (PG) 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:35

AMC RIVERTOWNE 12

Exit 4A I-95, 1/2 mi. on Oxon Hill Rd.
703-998-4AMC

JUST MY LUCK (PG13) ✓ 5:20, 7:40
POSEIDON (PG13) ✓ 4:35, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30
AN AMERICAN HAUNTING (PG13) 5:45, 8:30
MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE III (PG13) 4:45, 5:15, 7:45, 8:15
SILENT HILL (R) 5:10, 8:10
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) 5:40, 7:50
THE WILD (G) 4:30, 7:10
PHAT GIRLZ (PG13) 7:20
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 4:40

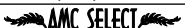


GOAL! THE DREAM BEGINS (PG) ✓ 4:50, 7:35
AKEELAH AND THE BEE (PG) 5:00, 8:20

LOEWS FAIRFAX SQUARE 8

8065 Leesburg Pike
703-506-9857 802

POSEIDON (PG13) 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00
AN AMERICAN HAUNTING (PG13) 1:45, 4:45, 7:30
MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE III (PG13) 12:45, 1:00, 4:05, 4:15, 7:10, 7:20
SILENT HILL (R) 5:05
INSIDE MAN (R) 1:15, 4:20, 7:15
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) 1:40, 7:35



ART SCHOOL CONFIDENTIAL (R) 1:50, 5:15, 7:45

MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12

800 Shopper's Way, Largo
301-324-4220 844

JUST MY LUCK (PG13) 1:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
POSEIDON (PG13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50
AN AMERICAN HAUNTING (PG13) 2:15, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40
MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE III (PG13) 1:25, 2:10, 4:05, 5:05, 7:00, 8:00, 9:55, 10:45
RV (PG) 2:25, 4:55, 7:25, 9:45
SILENT HILL (R) 1:40, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:30
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:30
THE WILD (G) 1:20, 3:20, 5:50
PHAT GIRLZ (PG13) 8:10, 10:30

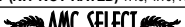


GOAL! THE DREAM BEGINS (PG) 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:40
AKEELAH AND THE BEE (PG) 2:05, 3:05, 4:35, 5:35, 7:05, 8:05, 9:35, 10:35

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7

2772 South Randolph
703-671-0910 801

AMERICAN DREAMZ (PG13) 1:10, 7:40
SOMERSAULT (NR-NOT RATED) 1:40, 4:10, 7:10, 9:30

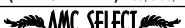


THE PROMISE (PG13) 2:00, 4:20, 7:30, 9:50
WAH-WAH (R) 1:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20
WATER (PG13) 1:00, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
FRIENDS WITH MONEY (R) 1:30, 3:30, 7:20, 9:40
MARILYN HOTCHKISS' BALLROOM DANCING & CHARM SCHOOL (PG13) 3:40, 10:00
THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (R) 1:50, 4:30, 7:00, 9:00

LOEWS DUPONT 5

1350 19th St.
202-872-9555 711

SOMERSAULT (NR-NOT RATED) 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:05



WAH-WAH (R) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:20
WATER (PG13) 1:45, 4:20, 4:50, 7:00, 7:30, 9:30
KINKY BOOTS (PG13) 2:20, 4:40, 10:00
RAPE OF THE SOUL (R) 2:10, 7:20, 9:50

LOEWS UPTOWN 1

3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W.
202-966-5400 713

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE III (PG13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

AMC TYSONS CORNER 16

7850 Tysons Corner Center
703-998-4262

JUST MY LUCK (PG13) ✓ 12:10, 2:45, 5:15, 7:55, 10:25
POSEIDON (PG13) ✓ 12:15, 1:15, 2:00, 2:50, 3:45, 4:30, 5:25, 6:25, 7:15, 8:00, 8:55, 9:45, 10:30
POSEIDON (PG13) 1:15, 3:45, 6:25, 8:55
HOOT (PG) 12:50, 3:05, 5:30
MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE III (PG13) 12:05, 1:00, 1:45, 2:25, 3:10, 4:05, 4:50, 5:35, 6:10, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 9:15, 10:00, 10:40
RV (PG) 12:20, 2:35, 4:55, 7:40, 10:05
STICK IT (PG13) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:35, 10:10
UNITED 93 (R) 1:35, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55
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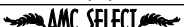


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GOAL! THE DREAM BEGINS (PG) ✓ 2:00, 4:30, 7:35
AKEELAH AND THE BEE (PG) 2:10, 5:15, 8:00

AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8

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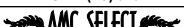
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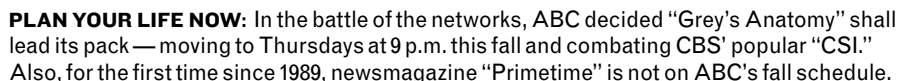
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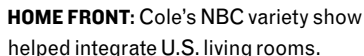
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"Masters" follows up with "Ray Charles" (10 p.m., PBS). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

An American couple (John Malkovich and Debra Winger) lose touch with each other and with reality itself in the 1990



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LIVE CHANNELS	WRC	News		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Deal or No Deal (TV) (N)		Dateline NBC "To Catch a Predator"		Law & Order "Invaders"		News	Tonight Show		
	WTTG	Seinfeld	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Seinfeld	Bones "The Woman in Limbo"		American Idol (S Live)		News		Geraldo at Large	Friends		
	WJLA	News	ABC Wild News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Alias "No Hard Feelings" (N)		Lost "Three Minutes" (N)		(04) Invasion (Season Finale) (N)		News	CBS Nightline		
	WUSA	News	CBS News	9News Tonight	Ent. Tonight	The Amazing Race 9 (Season Finale) (N)				CSI: NY A bomber threatens the city.		News	Late Show		
	WDCA	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Friends	Every-Raymond	America's Next Top Model		Half & Half	Half & Half	The Tyra Banks Show (N)		Girlfriends	Girlfriends		
	WMPT	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		MPT Auction	Artworks Week	Pioneers of Primetime		American Masters (N)		American Masters "Satchmo"			Mother-Sons		
	WETA	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		The Pacific War: They Filmed the War in Color		They Filmed the War in Color		France Is Free		Charlie Rose (N)			
	WHUT	Business Schl	Tavis Smiley	BBC World News	Moneywise	P.O.V. "The Flute Player"		Monkey Dance		BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N)			
	WDCW	Steve Harvey	The Parkers	My Wife and Kids	Bernie Mac	★ ★ "Final Destination 2" (2003, Horror) Ali Larter, A.J. Cook				Bernie Mac	My Wife and Kids	Sex and the City	Will & Grace		
	BASIC CABLE	A&E	American Justice: Hampton Murder			Biography "Joel Rifkin"	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Walt Disney World				Crossing Jordan "Don't Look Back"		
Animal		The Crocodile Hunter Diaries			The Most Extreme Big cats	Animal Report	Funniest Animals	Little Zoo That Could				Miami Animal Police			
BET		106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Top 10 countdown. (N)			Revamped	The Parkers	The Parkers	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Comicview				Jamie Foxx	
Bravo		Top Chef Gourmet sandwich.			Top Chef "Wedding Bell Blues"	Top Chef "Napa's Finest"	Top Chef "Reunion"	Top Chef The final three contestants.				Top Chef The final three contestants.			
Comedy		(5:00) ★ ★ ★ "Bull Durham" (1988)			Jeff Foxworthy: Totally Committed	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Mind of Mencia	South Park	South Park	Mind of Mencia	Daily Show	Colbert Report		
Court		NY PD Blue "Brown Appell"			Cops	Cops	Video Justice (N)	Video Justice	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files		
Discovery		Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Mega Machines "Monster Beasts"	MythBusters "Breakfast Bridge"	MythBusters "Franklin's Kite"	Futureweapons "Smart Weapons" (N)				MythBusters "Son of a Gun"				
DISCH		Paramedics "Bright Lights, Little City"			Trauma: Life in the ER	Rebuilt: The Human Body Shop	Plastic Surgery: Before and After	Body Work	Body Work	Rebuilt: The Human Body Shop					
Disney		That's So Raven	Zack & Cody	Phil of the Future	That's So Raven	"The Other Me" (2000, Comedy) Andy Lawrence, Brenden Jefferson.				Life With Derek	Even Stevens	Zack & Cody	That's So Raven		
E!		Handler Show	The Simple Life 2	E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	Simon Cowell: Hollywood Story				Dr. 90210 "Action!"	The Simple Life 2	The Simple Life 2	Saturday Night Live		
FX		King of the Hill	King of the Hill	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	★ ★ ★ "Speed" (1994) Keanu Reeves. A transit bus is wired to explode if it drops below 50 mph.				★ ★ ★ "Speed" (1994) Keanu Reeves, Dennie Hopper.					
HGTV		Renovation	Wknd Warriors	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	I Want-Baths	I Want-Kitchen	I Want That!	Landscape Smart	House Hunters	What You Get	What's-House?	FreeStyle		
Family		7th Heaven		7th Heaven "Vote"		"Hello Sister, Goodbye Lifal" (2006) Lacey Chabert, Wendie Malick.				Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club			
History		Modern Marvels: Failed Inventions			Modern Marvels: Oil	The Templar Code				Marvels: Axes, Swords and Knives					
Liforimo		The Golden Girls			"Night of Terror" (2005, Suspense) Miltzi Kapure, Nick Mancuso.	"Mind Games" (1998, Suspense) Jayne Brook, Lindsay Frost. Premiere.				Will & Grace					
MTV		Parental Control	Tiara Girls	Tiara Girls	Tiara Girls	Super Sweet	Super Sweet	Super Sweet	Super Sweet	Super Sweet	Tiara Girls	Blowing' Up	Tiara Girls		
NICK		Ned's School	Danny Phantom	Fairly OddParents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	Just for Kicks	Full House	Fresh Prince	Roseanne	Roseanne	Mad About You	The Cosby Show		
SCI FI		Stargate SG-1 "Between Two Fires"			Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters "Old Jail"	Ghost Hunters "Toxic House" (N)	★ ★ "The Frighteners" (1996, Suspense) Michael J. Fox, Trini Alvarado.				MXC			
SPIKE		World's Wildest Police Videos			CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	★ ★ ★ "Election" (1999, Comedy)		
TBS		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Little People, Big World	Little People, Big World	Little People, Big World	Little People, Big World	The Smallest People in the World					
TLC	While You Were Out			Law & Order "Entrapment"	NBA Basketball Western Conference Semifinal Game 5 - Dallas Mavericks at San Antonio Spurs.	NBA Basketball: Cavaliers at Pistons				Law & Order: Criminal Intent					
TNT	Charmed "Hyde School Reunion"			Law & Order: Criminal Intent	The Surreal Life	The Surreal Life	The Surreal Life	The Surreal Life	The Surreal Life	★ ★ "Airheads" (1994, Comedy)					
USA	(4:30) ★ ★ "Atomic Train" (1999)			Law & Order: Criminal Intent	La Fea Más Bella (N)	Barrera de Amor (N)				Don Francisco Presenta					
VHI	The Surreal Life			The Surreal Life	La Fea Más Bella (N)	Barrera de Amor (N)				Don Francisco Presenta					
SPANISH	TELEM	Sala de Parejas	Noti-Telemndo	La Tormenta	(05) Tierra de Pasiones				(15) Corazón Partido				Decisiones	Noti-Telemndo	Laura
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	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live)		Baseball Tonight (Live)	MLB Baseball New York Mets at St. Louis Cardinals. From Busch Stadium in St. Louis. (Subject to Blackout)				SportsCenter (Live)						
ENGLISH	ESPN2	Mike and Mike	SportsCenter	Kickboxing: ISKA	Kickboxing: ISKA	Kickboxing: ISKA	Kickboxing: ISKA	Boxing Wednesday Night Fights. (Live)				Quite Frankly With Stephen A. Smith			
	CSN	Chris Myers	SportsNite	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Baltimore Orioles. From Oriole Park at Camden Yards in Baltimore. (Live)				SportsNite (Live)				Ship Shape TV		Best-Sports	
	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		The Situation Room	Paula Zahn Now	Larry King Live				Anderson Cooper 360					
ENGLISH	FNC	Special Report (Live)		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith	The O'Reilly Factor (Live)				Hannity & Colmes (Live)				On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor
	MSNBC	The Abrams Report		Hardball	Countdown With Keith Olbermann				Scarborough Country				Rita Cosby Live & Direct		The Situation With Tucker Carlson
	AMC	★ ★ "Highlander" (1986, Fantasy) Christopher Lambert, Roxanne Hart. 'R'			★ ★ ★ "The Princess Bride" (1987, Adventure) Cary Elwes. 'PG'			★ ★ ★ "Twins" (1988, Comedy) Arnold Schwarzenegger. 'PG'							
ENGLISH	TCM	(15) ★ ★ ★ "Tarzan, the Ape Man" (1932) Johnny Weissmuller. 'NR'			★ ★ ★ "The Old Maid" (1939, Drama) Bette Davis, Miriam Hopkins. 'NR'			★ ★ ★ "The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex" (1930) Bette Davis. 'NR'							
	HBO	★ ★ "One Fine Day" (1996) Michelle Pfeiffer, George Clooney. 'PG'			Big Love "The Baptism"			The Sopranos "Moe 'n' Joe"			★ ★ "Monster-in-Law" (2005) Jennifer Lopez, Jane Fonda. 'PG-13'				
	MAX	★ ★ ★ "Sideways" (2004, Comedy-Drama) Paul Giamatti. 'R'			(15) ★ ★ ★ "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" (2004) Vince Vaughn.			★ ★ ★ "The Upside of Anger" (2005) Joan Allen, Kevin Costner. 'R'							
	SHOW	(15) ★ ★ "Foolproof" (2003, Suspense) Ryan Reynolds. TV. 'R'			★ ★ ★ "Platoon" (1986, War) Tom Berenger, Willem Dafoe. TV. 'R'			HUFF "A Cornfield Grows in L.A."			Evolution-Sport				
	TMC	(5:40) "Hollywood Flies" (2004) 'R'			(15) ★ ★ ★ "As Good as It Gets" (1997, Comedy-Drama) Jack Nicholson. 'PG-13'			(45) ★ ★ ★ "Mean Girls" (2004, Comedy) Lindsay Lohan. 'PG-13'			Big Bad Mama II				
	STARZ!	(5:30) ★ ★ "Ice Princess" (2005) 'G'			(10) ★ ★ "Little Black Book" (2004) Brittany Murphy. 'PG-13'			★ ★ "Lords of Dogtown" (2005, Biography) Emile Hirsch. 'PG-13'			(10:50) "Christmas With the Kranks"				
	ENCORE	(5:45) ★ ★ ★ "G.I. Jane" (1997, Drama) Demi Moore. 'R'			★ ★ "Darkness" (2002) Anna Paquin. 'PG-13'			★ ★ "Bride of Chucky" (1998) Jennifer Tilly. 'R'			(05) ★ ★ "Most Wanted" (1992) 'R'				



ION HEART NYC: Ford is trying out a new lithium-ion, battery-powered propulsion system in its PT Cruisers by putting them in New York taxi cabs, the company said. The electric cabs will be able to go 150 miles before needing to be charged up.

Cars

A Great Saab Story

The SportCombi is an acquired taste, but a that's worth acquiring

ROAD TEST | Few commercials in history are more cringe-worthy than those of Saab's current "Born From Jets" campaign, in which a Swedish-built Saab Viggen fighter morphs into ... wait for it ... a Saab 9-7X SUV — Yah, Sven, dat's a guut one. The 9-7X is built in that famous Scandinavian enclave of Moraine, Ohio. These commercials throw the Saab image a big, rusty anchor.

They should know better. Indeed, they do, as evidenced by the Saab 9-3 SportCombi, an abso-

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- **POWERTRAIN:** Turbocharged and intercooled, 24-valve, DOHC 2.8-liter V6 with variable intake valve timing; six-speed manual transmission; front-wheel drive
- **WHEELBASE:** 105.3 inches
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- **WEIGHT:** 3,285 pounds
- **HORSEPOWER:** 250 at 5,500 rpm
- **TORQUE:** 258 pound-feet at 2,000 rpm
- **MILEAGE:** 17 miles per gallon city, 28 mpg highway
- **PRICE:** \$33,620



Sure, it may not be as fully loaded under the hood as some other sportwagons, but the affection-earning Saab SportCombi wins hands-down in terms of coolness.

lutely brilliant piece of global car-building that retains all the historic vibe — the willowy feel, the Eurostil design, the infatuating quirkiness, even kinkiness — of Saabs, yet still manages to start in the morning.

Sport wagons are the coolest kinds of cars on Earth, cars that give virtually nothing away compared with their sport sedan siblings while offering major cargo- and people-moving qwan. The SportCombi with the performance Aero package boldfaces the point.

The turbo-six is a little soft at the bottom-end of the tach then free-spooling and torque-rich in the upper registers as the twin-scroll turbo comes up to speed. Stirred with a six-speed manual transmission, the SportCombi

Aero has oodles (a Swedish word, maybe) of mid-range thrust and aggression. Stick the car in the long-legged sixth gear and it will motor effortlessly from Malmo to Stockholm.

The car has this charming, loose-limbed cornering behavior: Turn in and lift off the gas a bit and the car rolls, pitches and bites, gathering cornering forces as the rear-steering feeds in progressively more grip. Roll back on the gas and the front tires scabble for traction and pull the car out with nice power-on front drift. Cool.

One reason the SportCombi has such character is that it retains Saab's like-it-or-lump-it interior design, with its odd but distinctive ergonomics. The interior has rich black soft-touch surfaces, affirma-

tive switchgear and — in the Aero — warm metal accents. You'll love the car's cockpit, though it's by no means flawless.

Despite Saab's best efforts to deflect your notice with the "SportCombi" neologism, this vehicle is, after all, a wagon, though an uncommonly handsome one. The steeply sloped rear glass and gradually tapering roofline, combined with the blacked-out roof pillars and dark-tinted glass, lend the car a rakish and slightly menacing effect. The Aero package skirts the car in athletic body cladding. When you look at the SportCombi you don't think Aero so much as "arrow," with its fletches bent sleek by the wind.

The rear cargo hold has some surprises, including a smaller storage compartment under the load floor. The space behind the rear seats measures a generous 29.7 cubic feet. With the 60/40 rear seats folded, the cargo hold expands to 72.3 cubic feet.

Saabs remain an acquired taste — but you'll acquire it. True, the SportCombi doesn't have available all-wheel drive of its competitors. Nor does it have rear-wheel drive, so at the theoretical handling limits the car suffers by comparison. But in the real world, few cars under \$40,000 are so lovable, likable, practical and cool. **DAN NEIL** (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



LIVE ONLINE

Car Care

Automotive expert **PAT GOSS** owns Pat Goss Car World, Inc., a local car repair company. He chats monthly on washingtonpost.com/cars.

My brake light, engine light and track lights came on and stayed on, so I took the car to a shop to have them run a check. They told me that they could not read what the problem was, however, the timing belt needed to be replaced, so I had it done. When leaving the shop, I noticed that the brake, engine, track lights were not on. Why do you think the lights were coming on? Was it related to the timing belt?

I expect the lights were coming on because there was a problem. I expect the lights will come back on as soon as the computer determines that problem still exists, maybe in a few days, maybe a few weeks.

After my husband brought his '99 Acura in for maintenance, they said he needed new brakes totaling about \$1,000 of work. He's never had the brakes serviced or replaced and it has 60,000 miles — but we haven't heard or noticed any indication that the brakes need serviced. How much should it really cost?

Could be as little as \$120, could be as much as \$2,000. A thousand dollars on a poorly maintained 60,000-mile '99 Acura is certainly not out of the question. Although it is slightly unusual.

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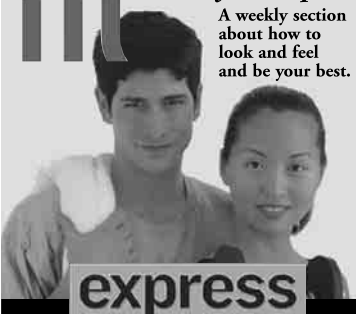
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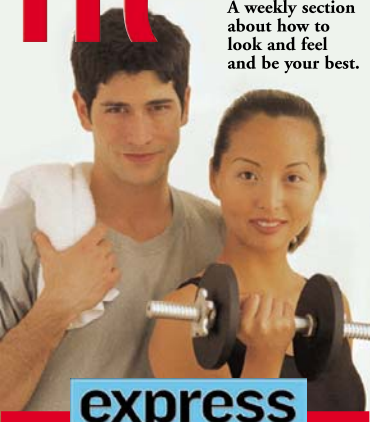
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Events

Religious-themed sporting events gaining popularity

The throng of fans cheered, shouted enthusiastic "Amen's" and waved their arms above their heads to the tunes of a Christian rock band.

Nearby, kids checked out the Bible-themed bobblehead dolls and posed with VeggieTales characters while parents scanned tables filled with Bibles in a family-friendly brand of pregame tailgating.

That scene before a recent Birmingham Steeldogs arenafootball2 game in Birmingham, Ala., is one of a growing number of "Faith Nights" at sporting events around the country that mix religion and sports, praise and promotion.

"We want you to come to a game and have fun and listen to music," said Brent High, president of Third Coast Sports, which runs and promotes the events. "But at the same time, we're going to set the table for you with player testimonials and music. It's a great night for you to reach out to people who don't have a church home."

It's not a bad way for minor

league teams to coax a few extra fans through the gates, either. Nashville, Tenn.-based Third Coast has planned more than 60 events in 40-plus cities this year, even venturing into the major leagues for the first time. The Atlanta Braves have scheduled three Faith Nights this summer, and the Arizona Diamondbacks have one planned in August.

High said two NBA teams have expressed interest in similar events for next season.

For churches, it's an opportunity for outreach. For teams, it's a chance to reach out to new fans.

"It'll be no different than any other group out there," said Derrick Hall, the Diamondbacks' executive vice president. "They will promote it at a much greater level than most groups can. As a result, we'll sell more tickets."

It worked for the Steeldogs, who have two more Faith Nights planned this season. The Friday night game drew 6,156 fans, nearly 1,000 more than the team's average draw for previous May games, Steeldogs general manager Scott Myers said.

The Steeldogs had planned to outfit their players in Bible-themed jerseys — with books of the Bibles above the jersey number pointing to specific chapters — but nixed that idea when the league threat-

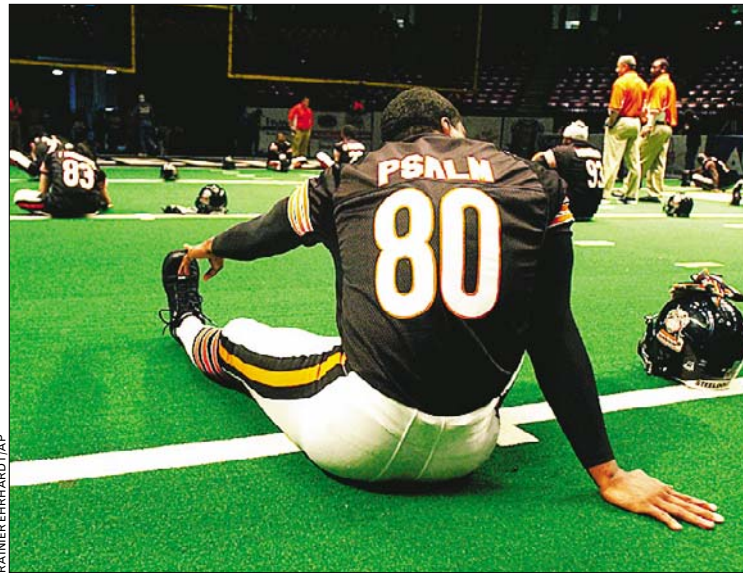
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POETRY IN MOTION: A Birmingham Steeldogs player wears a bible-themed jersey.

Faithful Fans

ened a \$25,000 fine if they changed uniforms.

Instead, they wore them during pregame warmups. The event featured a pregame concert with a testimonial offered by new UAB basketball coach Mike Davis and booths set up outside the arena fea-

turing Bibles and bobblehead dolls of Biblical characters such as Moses and Samuel.

Faith Nights aren't just sprouting up in the Bible Belt, either. The Arena Football League's Las Vegas Gladiators drew an estimated 2,000 fans who hadn't been to one of their

games before, said ticket manager Mike Carosielli, even though the team had to move the game to noon on Palm Sunday.

Jenny Quinlan, pastor of First Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, wasn't surprised it was such a hit in Vegas.

"Just because 'Sin City' is how our city gets its income and its business, there's Christians here, too," said Quinlan, whose church brought about 15 people to the game.

"Sports is a huge part of our world," Quinlan said. "When you use those venues, it's kind of a back-door ministry."

But Chap Clark, a professor of youth family and culture at Fuller Theological Seminary in California, is skeptical of the real impact Faith Nights have on non-Christians.

"I don't think it makes much of an impact at all, and I don't think there's much relationship between the sports and the event for most kids," Clark said. "It becomes a way to get the kind of people that wouldn't come to the sporting event. That's the marketing side of it."

UAB's Davis believes having high-profile sports figures offer their personal testimonials can have a positive impact.

"A lot of times, people have a tendency to listen to whoever they look up to or admire, and the message is always right there in front of them all their lives," the former Indiana coach said. "But whatever it takes to get through to them, I think is good." JOHN ZENOR (AP)

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Antiquities

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Artkraft Strauss — the Philadelphia company that built the famed smoking Camel billboard, six-story Coca-Cola displays and dozens of descending New Year's Eve balls — is holding a garage sale as it downsizes in a post-neon age.

The collection includes the hand-drawn design for the Camel billboard, which emitted smoke rings every four seconds from 1941 to 1966; a marquee from the 1962 Broadway production of "The Sound of Music"; and a small neon likeness of the late comedian Bob Hope.

“People are interested in this kind of artifact. It's representative of an art form that is not much being made anymore.”

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Artkraft Strauss made most of the huge, sparkling signs — known as “spectaculars” — that lit up Times Square throughout the 20th century.

But since video feeds and computer graphics took hold of the outdoor advertising industry in the 1990s, the company has dwindled from more than 100 people to a half-dozen.

Freeman's, the Philadelphia auction house, will auction a group of drawings, lights and neon signs on May 18.

“It just seems like a good time,” said company President Tama Starr,



The marquee for “The Sound of Music” is one of many advertisements up for sale.

whose grandfather and father ran the firm before her. “People are interested in this kind of artifact. It's representative of an art form that is not much being made anymore.”

Most outdoor advertisements today are made of video or vinyl, and mass-produced for billboards around the world. But the spectaculars of yesteryear were unique.

Artkraft Strauss made a sign

with Joan of Arc aflame, for a 1948 movie premiere. Peanuts spilled onto Broadway from a 1930s-era Planters Peanuts ad. Bombshell Jayne Mansfield threw the switch to light a “Fly TWA” ad in 1956.

Such ads, with all their razzmatazz, screamed of New York's place as the commercial and entertainment capital of the world.

“You can't tell if it's entertainment or people trying to sell you things. And maybe you don't even care,” said Gregory Dreicer, curator of a recent show on the city's illumination at the Museum of New York.

“Obviously video has now taken over. But a lot of it is still about bright lights dazzling you, and getting you to look up and see the corporate name.”

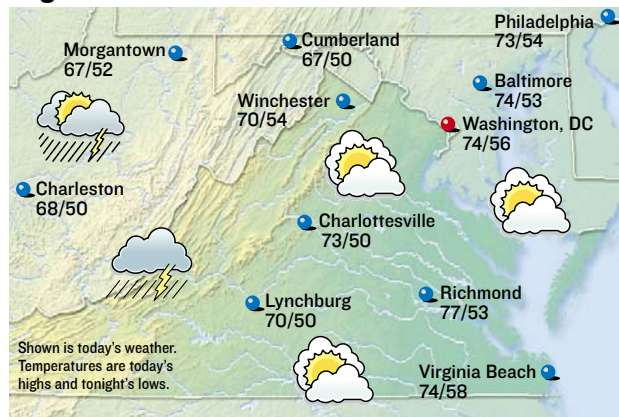
Price estimates range from \$1,500 for the sketch of the smoking Camel sign (which some consider the most famous sign in advertising history); to \$2,000 for the Bob Hope profile; to \$15,000 for a model of a Coke display. But a group of 12 “New Year's Eve Ball” light bulbs — the company directed the descent of the famed ball from 1907 to 1996 — is expected to fetch just a few hundred dollars.

“There's no precedent for this sale. The market is untested,” said Brent Lewis of Freeman's. “When the gavel falls, we're all interested to see what happens.” MARYCLAIRE DALE (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly sunny, a p.m. thunderstorm 74°	Spotty evening thunderstorms 56°	A strong afternoon thunderstorm 76° / 50°	Occasional rain, a thunderstorm 68° / 54°	Partly sunny 72° / 52°	Partly sunny, a shower or possible 66° / 51°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues.

Temperature

High	67°
Low	54°
Normal high	75°
Normal low	56°
Average humidity	52%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	Trace
Month to date	1.77"
Normal month to date	1.93"
Year to date	10.63"
Last year to date	14.98"
Normal year to date	14.14"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see:
washingtonpost.com/weather

Regional Forecast

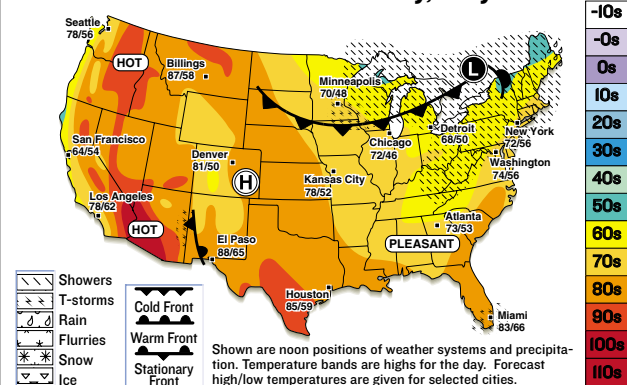
D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, becoming breezy, a shower or thunderstorm in the afternoon. High 74. Wind west-southwest 6-12 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	5:54 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:15 p.m.
Moonrise today	12:16 a.m.
Moonset today	9:19 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
May 20	May 27	June 3	June 11

National Weather for Wednesday, May 17



National Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Atlanta	73/53/t	77/54/pc
Boston	72/52/c	70/52/c
Chicago	72/46/t	64/46/c
Dallas	84/61/s	91/65/s
Denver	81/50/s	83/52/s
Honolulu	81/68/pc	84/70/pc
Los Angeles	78/62/pc	78/62/pc
Miami	83/66/pc	85/68/s
New York City	72/56/pc	74/54/t
Orlando	86/62/pc	87/64/s
Seattle	78/56/s	74/53/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Amsterdam	67/51/pc	65/53/r
Athens	77/64/s	78/67/pc
Berlin	65/51/c	67/51/r
Buenos Aires	70/50/pc	61/45/r
Calgary	86/55/s	74/48/pc
Dublin	61/46/r	58/49/r
Geneva	72/60/pc	68/51/r
Moscow	46/29/r	50/29/pc
Rome	76/59/pc	78/61/pc
Sydney	68/54/pc	68/57/s
Tokyo	70/59/r	66/57/r

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Styles

LOOK
out

Mother's Pay

Necessity leads to stylish inventions

Launching your own business is always a daunting prospect. Now imagine doing it while raising five children under the age of three.

That's exactly what Tiffany Whitchurch did when founding her small gifts company, Simply Tiffany Taite, back in 2002, while juggling her duties as full-time mom to Hunter, Chandler, Parker, Sayler and Spencer.

So did Whitchurch face any special challenges when trying to get her business off the ground?

"Well, if you consider having five children all three and under a special challenge, then yes, I was challenged," said Whitchurch, 36, from her home office in Maple Valley, Washington. "However, if you see challenges as opportunities for growth and learning as I do, then I was blessed. When things come easy, we never learn to be tenacious and persevere."

In fact, tenacity and perseverance are just two of the qualities cited by today's savvy moms-turned-entrepreneurs, who have become known in certain circles as "mompreneurs" for their ability to carve out successful careers while juggling the demands of motherhood.

And, as with Simply Tiffany Taite, many of these mompreneurs are launching fashion-related businesses in response to a hole they see in the market.

In Whitchurch's case, she noticed a lack of high-quality, well-priced pearl jewelry for kids after trying to find pearls for her own toddler daughters and — voila! — another mompreneur was born. In addition to pearls, Simply Tiffany Taite now makes silver tea sets, picture frames, rattles, place settings, jewelry boxes, piggy banks and more — all aimed at the elementary school set.

File
UNDER
Fad

You'll have to travel to Minnesota to get this jumper from My Friend Jess — it's not available elsewhere.



Inventor Jen Groover, mother of two-year-old twin girls, came up with The Butler Bag, a purse with built-in internal dividers to keep things neat and tidy, as a result of what she jokingly refers to as "The Diaper Bag Incident." "It all started with a diaper bag and two screaming babies," said Groover, who lives in Philadelphia.

"I was already on my third or fourth diaper bag trying to find one that was more organized. Every day I'd be digging through my diaper bag, losing stuff and leaving stuff behind everywhere I'd go. One day, I thought, 'there's got to be a better way. I wish I could just have everything in my view so I could just reach in and grab it.' Diaper bags are definitely getting more fashionable, but I was looking beyond fashion for more function. That night I came home and as I'm unloading the dishwasher, I'm thinking, 'I would love it if everything in my diaper bag would stand up like the silverware in this tray.'"

That was a little more than a year ago and, this month, Groover unveiled her ingeniously designed Butler Bag, in which everything from lipstick to pens to car keys to cell phone fits neatly in its own

The super-organized Butler Bag (\$80, butlerbag.com), comes in three colors. A diaper bag version will follow next year. The pewter cup from Simply Tiffany Taite (\$32, abigail.com) will let your kid sip in style.

compartment.

Jessica Blue, a former French teacher and longtime sewer, took her hobby professional after giving birth to daughter Charlotte in 2004 and realizing there weren't a lot of designers making handmade children's clothes at prices that won't break the bank.

"I specialize in wildly impractical yet ridiculously cute kids' clothing," said Blue via e-mail. "I saw stuff out there that was expensive, not that well made, and just not that cute!" My Friend Jess is now sold through private orders, at craft fairs and in Minneapolis-St. Paul-area boutiques.

"Because of technology, moms can have the best of both worlds," said Groover. "I believe it's becoming much more mainstream because this generation of moms went to college and had the same opportunities growing up as their male counterparts. Now they're becoming moms and saying, 'Hey, I'm not ready or willing to give up my career entirely right now. I want both!' So they are figuring out how to do it."

LAUREN DAVID PEDEN (FASHION WIRE DAILY)

Beauty



Makeup That Won't Go Down Without a Fight

Most of us leave our makeup behind when we hit the water. For those who will let go of their cosmetics only when dead, buried and decomposed, Cargo introduces the **SWIMMABLES KIT** (\$25, exclusively at Sephora). The water-resistant acrylic tote contains waterproof liquid liner in charcoal, a black waterproof mini-mascara and a tinted lip balm with SPF 15. The container also floats, in case you bring it on a boat and your friends wring it out of your hands and throw it overboard in a fruitless attempt to get you to stop being so high-maintenance.

KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Fashion



Suck in Your Gut

Swimsuit season got you shaking? Lipo in a Box, the company renowned for its suck-you-in-six-ways-from-Sunday body shapers, recently launched a new line of bathing suits. The **SMARTSUIT** is composed of 52 percent spandex, which tightens any of those areas you've been neglecting at the gym. The suits also come with built-in bras (one doesn't want everything compressed, after all) and are available in two styles: navy, with a ring detail at the bust (above, \$98, lipoinabox.com), and a classic black suit (\$106). K.P.K.

from readexpress.com

Follow the Bouncing Idea

TRACK THAT STORY | Blogging is all about how ideas float from place to place. And a Mentos-fueled Diet Coke bottle geyser is an idea that's had some staying power.

Back in April, **BOINGBOING.NET** linked to a Google Video of someone creating a geyser by stuffing Mentos into a jug of soda. Local blogger **LONNIEBRUNER.BLOGSPOT.COM** picked up on the experiment and tried it. A friend, who happens to work for **NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO**, saw the experiment and so, of course, NPR shot video of its own geyser for its **MIXED SIGNALS** blog. And then on Tuesday, **DCBLOGS.COM** picked up on blogger **GATESY.BLOGSPOT.COM** recreating the geyser because a friend had

heard about it on NPR.

Follow the trail at **READ EXPRESS.COM**. Or try it yourself. But remember, safety first. **MICHAEL GRASS (EXPRESS)**

STREET REPAIRS | Apparently you have to be a dead president to get a road fixed quickly in the District. During the state funeral for **RONALD REAGAN** in 2004, **WATERSIDE DRIVE**, part of the procession route, was repaved promptly to smooth it out before the ceremony. For **VICE PRESIDENT CHENEY**, now in his sixth year in office, one of his many bumpy motorcade routes is finally being repaved after having deteriorated for years. Late last week, District road crews began to shift



When work at Dupont Circle is done, Vice President Cheney will get a smooth ride.

traffic through the **DUPONT CIRCLE** underpass in advance of major renovations for the **CONNECTICUT AVENUE** shortcut. **M.G.**

EXPRESS ON TV | If you watched Tuesday's **"MEET THE BLOGGERS"** segment on **WRC/NBC4**, you might have caught a brief glimpse of the guy who puts together Express' **BLOG LOG** for you every day. For the

extended interview, go to **NBC4.COM/VIDEO/9224860/DETAIL.HTML**. **M.G.**

→ Coming up today

The Mexican Embassy on Pennsylvania Avenue has a long and storied history, serving at different times as home to the U.S. State Department and a Union army headquarters.

Also, more on plans to expand the Ballston Metrorail station.

Poll Center

TODAY'S QUESTION

It's Bike to Work Week. Will you be riding?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't have a bike
4. I'm riding my Segway

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Who should be voted off next on 'American Idol'?

- 17% Taylor Hicks
- 38% Katharine McPhee
- 18% Elliott Yamin
- 27% Ryan Seacrest

As of 6 p.m. Tuesday. Not a scientific poll.

WEIGH IN ON TODAY'S POLL QUESTION AT **READEXPRESS.COM/POLLCENTER.PHP**



"Good for her. After being married to the freak Tom it's about time she married someone normal. May they be happy forever."

A COMMENTER ON **DLISTED.BLOGSPOT.COM** IS HAPPY THAT NICOLE KIDMAN, WHO WAS ONCE MARRIED TO TOM CRUISE, HAS ANNOUNCED THAT SHE'S ENGAGED TO SINGER KEITH URBAN.

Not Totally Unexpected

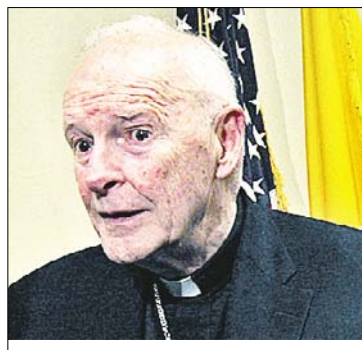
"What, did you think he was going to endorse [Ward 4 D.C. Council member Adrian] Fenty?"

ANOTHERGAYREPUBLICAN.BLOGSPOT.COM THINKS D.C. MAYOR ANTHONY WILLIAMS' DECISION TO ENDORSE D.C. COUNCIL CHAIRMAN LINDA CROPP FOR MAYOR WASN'T NECESSARILY A SURPRISE.

Unstable Ground

"Just bricks on dirt. Yes, people, some of you are just living on bricks on dirt. You have no real stable foundation. Throw in a little digging, a little rain, you've got either a collapsed wall or, in this case, a leaning rowhouse."

INSHAW.COM SHINES LIGHT ON AN UGLY BUILDING FACT IN THE CITY, REACTING TO A ROWHOUSE FALLING OFF ITS FOUNDATION ON NEW JERSEY AVENUE NW.



Signing Off

"[H]e did a lot to champion important causes such as immigration rights and helping the poor and I think that this should be his legacy. It's good that he's going to be working with Catholic Relief Services. I think that this is something that he'll be good at ..."

MURAVEN.LIVEJOURNAL.COM ON CARDINAL THEODORE MCCARRICK RETIRING FROM HIS POSITION AS THE WASHINGTON AREA'S ARCHBISHOP.

"I mean, if she is playing with it that much while driving then she might subconsciously pop that sucker out during a meeting or better yet with a client."

DUDETTE7.BLOGSPOT.COM CATCHES SOMEONE DRIVING ON CONNECTICUT AVENUE FIDDLING AROUND WITH A DEVICE CALLED A FACIAL FLEX, WHICH EXERCISES FACIAL MUSCLES.

Live Online

ROBERT SURO, director of the Pew Hispanic Center, was online Tuesday to discuss President Bush's new proposal on border control and the debate over immigration.

What drives people to come into the country "illegally" by crossing the border on foot and avoiding being documented?

The motives that bring people to this country illegally are pretty much the same as those that bring people here legally: better jobs, better pay, all of the benefits of living in our society, a brighter future for children and the chance to be reunified with family members who are already here. I would guess that almost all the people who come here illegally would come on a legal path if one was available.

The Senate plan will allow for the deportation of millions of illegals who have not been here for at least two years. How will this occur? Will there really be a search for the millions of illegal immigrants who have not qualified as a guest worker?

It is not clear what will happen to people who are still out of status under this proposal or any of the others. There is no legislation that envisions mass roundups or mass

Border Control

deportations. The prevailing theory among the proponents of tough enforcement measures is that "attrition" will eventually reduce the illegal population.

Isn't it true that if all the illegals in this country were sent back home many American businesses would be severely hurt?

Illegal workers are a substantial part of the workforce in a few industries: home construction, restaurants and hotels, some kinds of agriculture. If they suddenly disappeared those industries would be seriously affected in the short run. What is much harder to project is how those industries would adapt over time if the supply of cheap labor dried up gradually.

→ Today on Live Online

II A.M.: Executive producer Hedrick Smith discusses the PBS Frontline film, "Can You Afford to Retire?"

I.P.M.: Author David Maraniss discusses his book, "Clement: The Passion and Grace of Baseball's Last Hero."

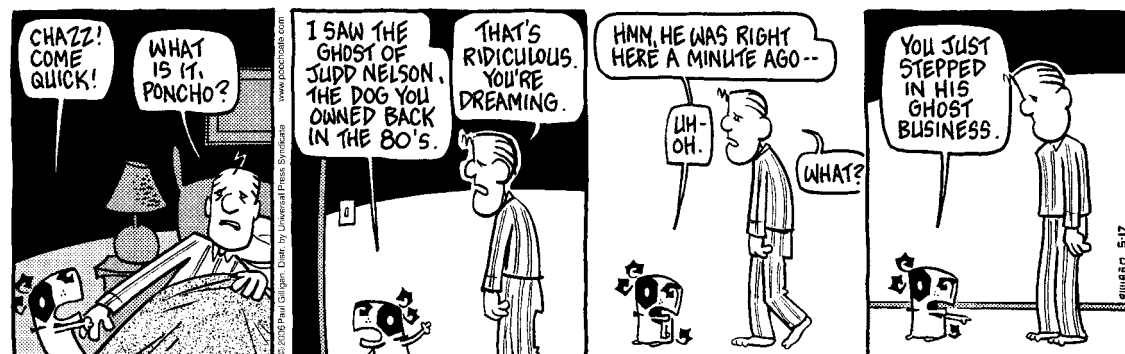
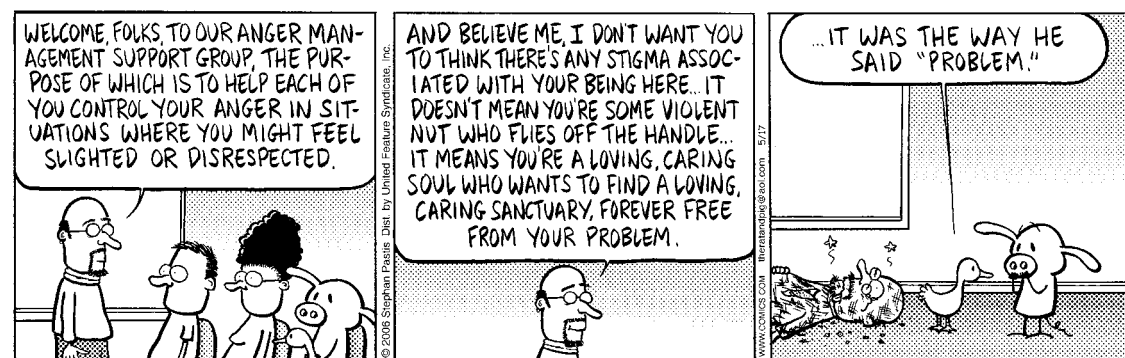
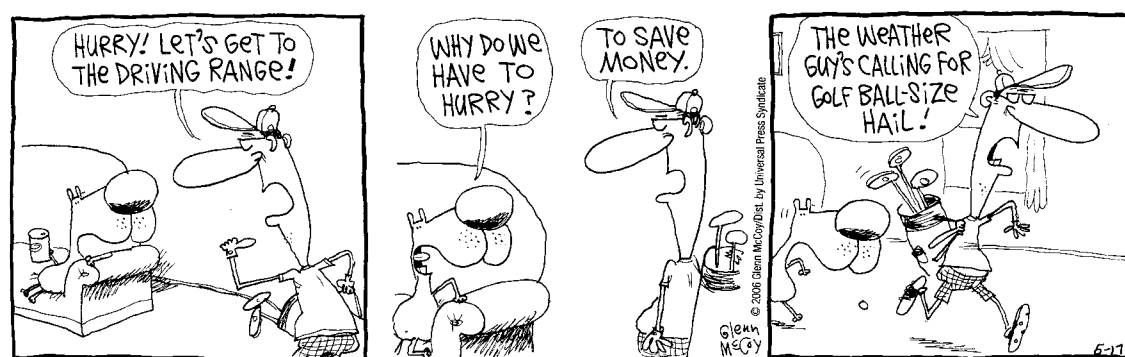


ENJOY A TRENDY DANCE LOUNGE FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN COMPUTER. You're totally in the mood to go out dancing, but you don't actually feel like getting dressed up, spending any money or leaving the house. Try shaking it online at the Virtual Nightclub and Lounge (**Pcdmusiclounge.com**).

Bizarro | Dan Piraro

Cornered | Mike Baldwin


"Sorry, I didn't realize you had a late session. Mind if I mop while you mope?"

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan

Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy


Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It's important for you to figure things out quickly and accurately, before you get caught up in a situation that you cannot control.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There will be no shortage of attraction, but what you're after is something a little more substantial. Be patient, willing to listen.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Though you may have trouble deciding just what interests you most, you can rest assured that others will find you interesting.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You are perfectly willing to wait for what is yours, but when someone steps between you and your goals, you are sure to fight back.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Put your best foot forward, and you can impress someone who is in a position to offer you some important professional assistance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Someone may raise the stakes and require you to give it all you've got before your rewards are

within reach. Be daring, aggressive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today will mark the beginning of a long period of exploration and discovery. The search is sure to yield results right from the start.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may have no choice but to enter into a binding agreement with a rival—to put behind you any threatening conflicts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may not be in charge, but you can have a controlling influence if you play your cards right. Background activities prove pivotal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You should be able to score a major first, simply by following your chosen course to its logical conclusion. The status quo works.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You'll prove adept at dealing with distractions of all kinds, but one particular issue may be more than you can handle alone.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Follow instructions to the letter, particularly as the day opens, and you'll progress according to plan. Improvisation may lead to a delay.

Letters

Rude Children Spoil Trips

I WANT TO THANK Katherine Majesky for her comments in Tuesday's paper ["Separate Trains for Kids"]. I am tired of having to ask these rude kids to stop using profanity and being too loud.

—MARCUS T. BROWN
Fort Washington, Md.

Cab It If You Don't Like Kids

IN RESPONSE TO Ms. Majesky's letter about separate trains for kids: Babies cry and teenagers talk loudly at times,

but the fact of the matter is that we are all taking PUBLIC transportation. My solution for you is to change your hours of work or take a cab.

—CHAVONDRA TAYLOR
Washington, D.C.

Metro Needs Slides

CHRISTINA FROM D.C. wrote on Monday that stairs replacing escalators would be inconsiderate for Metro riders with special needs. I suggest slides instead of stairs. It would be faster and it would free up the escalators and elevators for those with special needs.

—BETH ELDER
Conneautville, Pa.

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Today in History

1792 The New York Stock Exchange was founded by brokers meeting under a tree located on what is now Wall Street.

1875 The first Kentucky Derby was run, won by "Aristides."

1954 The U.S. Supreme Court handed down its Brown

v. Board of Education decision, which found that racially segregated public schools were inherently unequal, and therefore unconstitutional.

1973 The Senate opened its hearings into the Watergate scandal.

1996 President Bill Clinton signed a measure requiring neighborhood notification when sex offenders move in, known as "Megan's Law."

LOOK out People



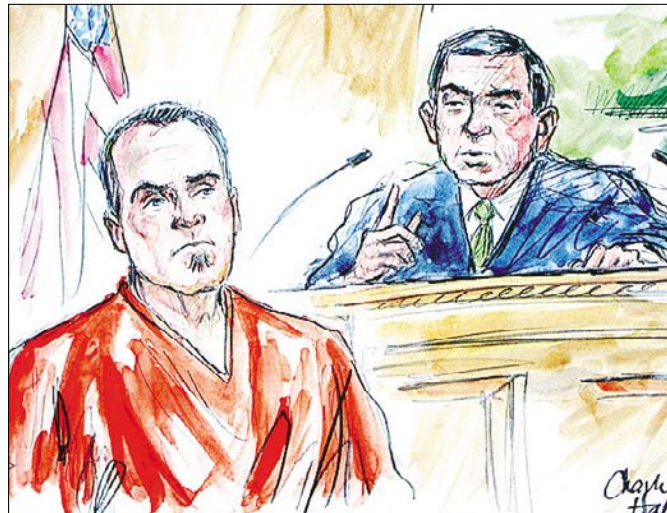
Not even Condi would cross Bono.

BONO TO CONDI 'List U2 at Number 7 or Kiss Your Career Goodbye'

Secretary of State **CONDOLEEZZA RICE** said she works out to Cream. Elton John's "Rocket Man" reminds her of her first boyfriend. And her all-time favorite song is Mozart's Piano Concerto in D minor. Rice's Top 10 list appeared in the British paper *The Independent*. The edition was guest-edited by Bono. (AP)

REAL ESTATE Divide It Into Condos, Move It to D.C., Quintruple Profit

A ranch-style Memphis home that Elvis Presley bought in 1956 has sold for \$905,100 on eBay. Peter Gleason, a New York attorney, posted the high bid in the final seconds before the 8 p.m. deadline Sunday. Gleason said Monday that he is a partner in a group that includes Israeli psychic Uri Geller. (AP)



VENGEANCE AT LAST

10 Months for Nudity on CBS

RICHARD HATCH, who won \$1 million in the first season of "Survivor," has been sentenced to more than four years in prison for failing to pay taxes. When Hatch was convicted, the judge predicted a max sentence of 41 months. Hatch got 51. (AP)

PERSECUTION 'Hey, That's the Same Car That Leaked My Sex Tape!'

PARIS HILTON's mother will never receive her Mother's Day presents. A gift bag containing nearly \$10,000 in Christian Dior goods was taken from the Hilton home, spokesman Elliot Mintz said. A delivery person

put the package down at the gate to ring the intercom when a passenger in a passing car snatched the gifts. "A fellow just whizzed by and grabbed the package," Mintz said. (AP)



DOWNERS Hollywood Liberals Bring The Laughs, Didacticism

JODI FOSTER spoke Monday at the University of Pennsylvania's commencement ceremonies, ending her address with the chorus of Eminem's "Lose Yourself" from "8 Mile," the semi-autobiographical 2002 film in which he starred. She earned laughs from the graduates by taking pictures of them from the podium and by recalling

her years at Yale. But she struck a serious note later, saying the U.S. "squandered" the goodwill other nations offered after the Sept. 11 terror attacks. She also criticized officials for the "disastrous and shameful" handling of Hurricane Katrina. Penn seniors had expressed skepticism at her selection as commencement speaker when it was announced, but she received a standing ovation after her speech. (AP)



ENVY

Nicole Kidman Locks Down New Husband, Names Him 'Suri'

NICOLE KIDMAN is engaged to country singer Keith Urban, *People* magazine reported. The actress was in New York City to host a gala celebrating the 30th anniversary of UNIFEM, the United Nations Development Fund for Women. When asked about her date, Kidman said, "He's actually my fiance. I wouldn't be bringing my boyfriend." Kidman, 38, is a goodwill ambassador for UNIFEM. She has two children with former husband Tom Cruise. Since Kidman was seen with a ring on her wedding finger in November, speculation has raged that she and Urban would tie the knot. (EXPRESS)



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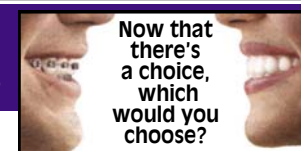
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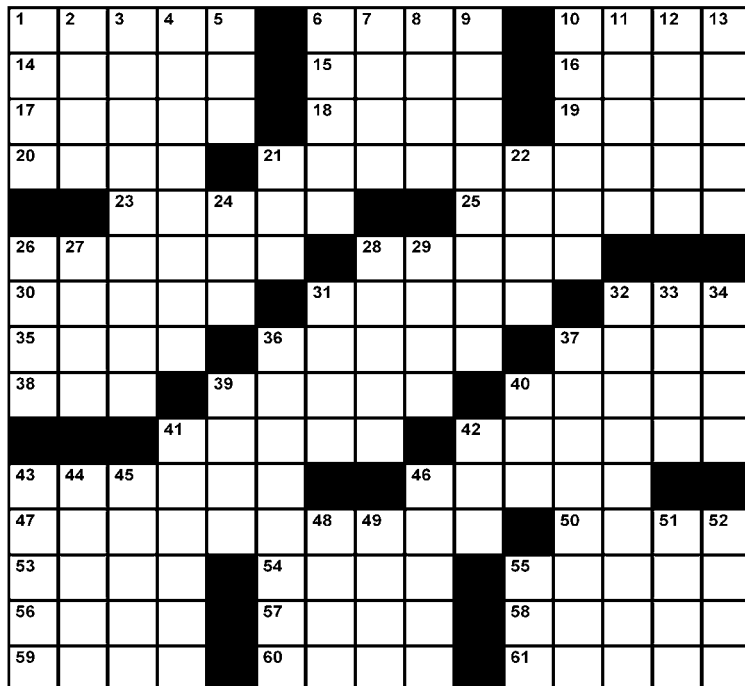
ACROSS

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10 Rap relative
14 J.J. and Florida
15 Varied mixture
16 Made a tapestry, e.g.
17 Splinter groups
18 Demeanor
19 Neighbor of Turkmenistan
20 Make off with
21 Recidivate
23 Like a peacock
25 Empathize
26 Baltic or Fifth
28 Turbulent disturbances
30 Bill attachment
31 God-fearing
32 Show deference
35 Organic fuel
36 Sagittarius and Virgo, e.g.
37 Bobby's blackjack
38 Pointed tool
39 Errors like this
40 Gasparo da Salo's instrument
41 Clementine's father, in song
42 Hibernating rodent
43 Dueler's attendant
46 28.35 grams avoidupois
47 Change for the better
50 Europe and Asia boundary
53 Out-of-favor apple treatment
54 Beaked pods
55 "The Rural

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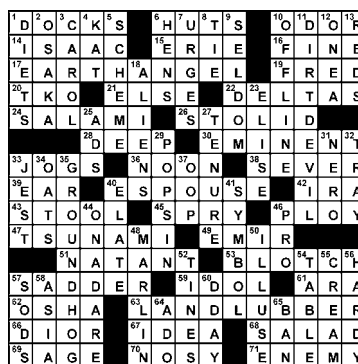
1 Kind of egg or its place
2 Iris layer
3 Retreat
4 It contains forums
5 Braying beast
6 ____ in on (moved toward)
7 Settled upon the earth
8 Part of an opera house
9 Loud, deep or resonant, as a sound
10 Flows in a circular current
11 38th parallel country
12 Swabbie's warning
13 Overstrung
21 Regret bitterly
22 Fathoms
24 Sharer's word
26 Florentine angel's instrument
27 Word in a Forster title
28 Discipline
29 Electrically charged atoms
31 Native



instrument of peace
32 Return to the initial position
33 Largest city of Norway
34 Reporter's question
36 Group of symptoms
37 Advertisement insert, perhaps
39 Entertainer Turner
40 It may move you
41 Wife of DiMaggio and Miller
42 Election-year

ammo?
43 Kickoff
44 Swiss mathematician Leonhard
45 "The Red Badge of Courage" author
46 Where the elated walk
48 Satisfactory
49 Primal impulse
51 Fleece-bearing craft
52 It may come before we forget
55 Financial auditor's designation, briefly

Yesterday's Solution



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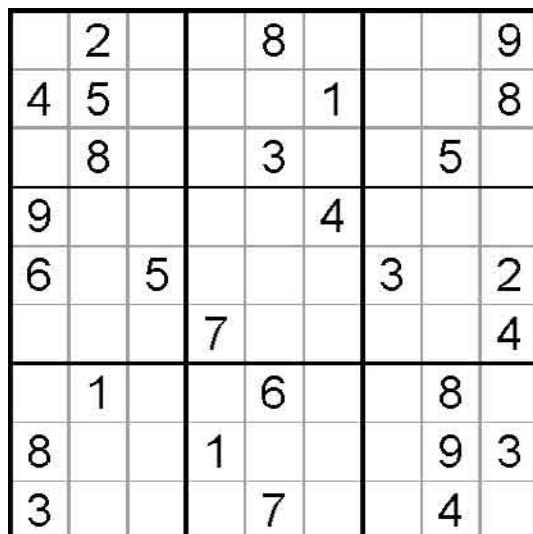
Degree of Difficulty: MEDIUM

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

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Metro's Interim General Manager, Dan Tangherlini, will join in the ride and be a featured speaker at the destination rally happening

from 8 to 9 a.m. at Freedom Plaza, 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue.

Visit www.waba.org for specific meeting locations and times. Bike to Work Day is sponsored by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, Commuter Connections, the Washington Area Bicyclist Association and a number of local businesses and public interest groups, including Metro, which encourage different transportation choices as an alternative to solo driving.

Also Around Town

Dance/USA

Today, May 17, 6–8 p.m., at the John F. Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage. More info: www.Kennedy-Center.org. Metrorail: Foggy Bottom-GWU station on the Orange/Blue Lines. Free shuttle available between station and Kennedy Center. Metrobus: 80.

Washington Jewish Music Festival

Today through May 24 at the District of Columbia Jewish Community Center, 1529 16th St. NW. More info: www.wjmf.org. Metrorail: Dupont Circle station (Q Street exit) on the Red Line. Metrobus: G2, S2 or S4.

DC Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, May 20, 11 a.m.–8 p.m., at 12th Street SW between Independence Avenue and C Street. Benefits the National Kidney Foundation. More info: www.kidneywdc.org. Metrorail: Smithsonian station on the Blue/Orange Lines. Metrobus: 13A or 52.



Bikes are welcome on Metro! All Metrobuses are equipped with racks to transport bikes anytime. You may bring your bike on Metrorail during off-peak hours and weekends, but you must board the train through the end doors of the rail car.

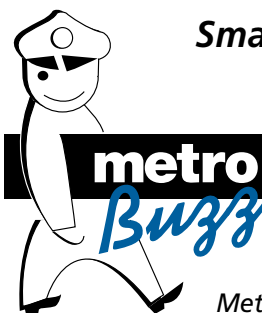
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Metro is conducting a number of track maintenance projects this year that could affect your travel.

Be sure to visit

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regularly for complete details about upcoming track work and how it could impact your trip. Most work takes place during off-peak and weekend hours.



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Metro customers who register their SmarTrip® cards at special Zipcar tables in select Metrorail stations between now and September will receive \$25 in free driving from the car sharing service. Zipcar representatives will be at Silver Spring station from noon to 2 p.m. tomorrow to help customers purchase and register SmarTrip® cards, sign up for Zipcar and receive the \$25 driving benefit.

Metro customers can sign up for the promotion from noon to 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month through September:

May 18: Silver Spring station on the Red Line

June 15: McPherson Sq station on the Blue/Orange lines

July 20: Farragut North station on the Red Line

August 17: L'Enfant Plaza station on the Green/Yellow and Blue/Orange lines

September 21: Pentagon City station on the Blue/Yellow lines

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